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GAME CHANGERS

By Frank Pizzoli

"To govern is to choose how the revenue raised from taxes is spent," wrote the recently deceased gay Gore Vidal.

Changing the game by running for elected office is a deliberate endeavor. Candidates make choices that reflect a blend of their own politically held beliefs and those of their electorate.

The gay electorate often notes they have views on issues other than the parochial interests of their own civil rights. Regarding those non-gay issues, Central Voice asked six candidates who have relied on these pages in previous stories to reach potential voters questions from "the other side of the coin".

Three openly gay candidates are running for seats in the Pennsylvania House – Chris Dietz, Kelly

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Game Changers

By Frank Pizzoli

Not all change comes from elected officials.

Although not their intention, Central Voice readers Jeff Clouser and Brent Weaver recently created change when they sent their engagement announcement notice to the region's newspapers. When Lancaster Newspapers initially refused to publish their announcement, constructive dialogue ensued. Change was created when the newspaper company reversed its

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Health Care Reform Analysis:

Terrific possibilities for Region

By Frank Pizzoli

"South central Pennsylvania is a perfect location for some terrific possibilities," Howard Dean tells Central Voice as he prepares for his visit.

A former presidential candidate and Vermont governor, Dean speaks Oct. 4, 7 p.m. at Harrisburg's Whitaker Center on "The Politics of Health: Healthcare Reform and How to Assure Quality Healthcare for All in the US".

The program is presented by Alder Health Services, a regional provider of primary health care services to underserved populations in Harrisburg and Lancaster, including the lgbt community. Alder Health also provides HIV services to an eight county region. With Dean's appearance, the organization launches a series of public programs on public policy issues faced by the community-at-large.

Dean

"For enterprising organizations like Alder Health Services there are terrific possibilities," Dean said. He's referring to potential public good that may derive from an Accountable Care Organization, a key provision in the new federal health care law that goes into full swing in 2014.

Dean's mantra around ACOs is "vertical integration," meaning the ways in which existing health care organizations forge new relationships in order to provide services that reduce both costs and disease and are thereby "accountable" to the public policy goal of affordable, wellness-based health care.

These new relationships are intended to reduce fragmentation and unnecessary testing, two expensive hallmarks of US medical care that drive health care costs sky high. In a recent annual report, the Kaiser Family Foundation notes that the US

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Political Update

Money Talks, Rest Walks

Andy Tobias , journalist, author, and columnist whose main body of work is on investment, and who since 1999 has been treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, recently emailed that : "Had you invested $10,000 in the S&P 500 under just Republican presidents for the 40 or so years that they controlled the White House since 1929, that $10,000 would have grown to . . . $11,733. Whoop-de-Tea-Party-doo. Had you invested that same $10,000 for the 40 years since 1929 that DEMOCRATS controlled the White House prior to the election of President Obama, it would have grown to $300,671" The figures are calculated before President Obama took office.

Romney Supports Openly-gay Boy Scouts?

It's hard to tell with any precision since this statement leave lots of ends open but On Top Magazine (can't make that up) reports Mitt Romney has reiterated that he disagrees with the Boy Scouts of America's ban on openly gay scouts and leaders. The Associated Press quoted Romney spokeswoman Andrea Saul as stating in an e-mail that Romney disagrees with the group's policy.

Saul said that the presumed GOP nominee for president stands by his 1994 statement on the issue made during a political debate in Massachusetts. "I support the right of the Boy Scouts of America to decide what it wants to do on that issue," Romney said at the time. "I feel that all people should be able to participate in the Boy Scouts regardless of their sexual orientation."

Seattle Chamber Supports Marriage Equality

The Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,200 companies across the Puget Sound region, voted recently to support Referendum 74 and uphold Washington State's marriage equality law. The Chamber has historically supported inclusiveness and diversity in the workplace. In 2009, the Chamber backed Referendum 71 to expand the rights and benefits of couples in state-registered domestic partnerships. As an extension of this effort, the Chamber joined the city of Seattle, seven other U.S. cities, and dozens of businesses as signatories on a friend-of-the-court brief filed in July that challenges the federal government's Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). "A driving force behind this law was the desire to disapprove of and disadvantage gay and lesbian couples," Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and 131 fellow Democrats said in a brief filed with the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Google: Legalize Same-Sex Marriage

Google has announced ambitious efforts to legalize same-sex marriage across the globe. The project, called "Legalize Love," was announced at an event in London focusing on LGBT issues in the workplace.

Dot429.com wrote: The "Legalize Love" campaign officially launches in Poland and Singapore July 7. Google intends to eventually expand the initiative to every country where the company has an office, and will focus on places with homophobic cultures, where anti-gay laws exist. Their strategy involves developing partnerships between companies and organizations to support grass-roots campaigns.

22 Latino Organizations Endorse LGBT Issues

Twenty-two Latino civil rights organizations have mounted a campaign to bolster acceptance of LGBT-specific issues among Hispanics.

The groups include The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Cuban American National Council, the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The campaign is called "Familia es Familia" and includes trainings, videos, publications and other resources in both English and Spanish on marriage rights for same-sex couples, discrimination and other issues.

Maryland to Vote Gay Marriage

A new poll shows that a majority of Maryland voters would vote to support the state's same-sex marriage law in the November referendum. Fifty-four percent of the 504 voters who responded to the Hart Research Associates survey between July 24-28 said they will vote for the statute that Gov. Martin O'Malley signed in March, compared to 40 percent who said they oppose it. The poll found that 44 percent of black Marylanders would vote for the law, compared to 45 percent who would vote against it.

The survey, conducted by the Program for Public Consultation, the Stimson Center and the Center for Public Integrity, revealed that 80 percent of voters in districts represented by Democrats and 74 percent in Republican districts wanted lower defense spending.

While Democratic districts supported larger cuts than their Republican counterparts, the latter still said they would slash defense spending by 15 percent. Such a reduction would leave the Pentagon budget almost $97 billion lower than this year's level.

Bethlehem Area School District Approves Same-Sex Partner Benefits

June 18 Bethlehem Area School Board announced district would begin offering domestic partner benefits to same-sex partners of school district employees.

Equality Pennsylvania's President Adrian Shanker said, "This policy is really about one thing: equal pay for equal work."

The school district has employees with same-sex spouses who are unable to legally marry in Pennsylvania, a step that might otherwise enable them to participate in sharing benefits. "They deserve to be treated with equality by this school district regardless of whether the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania treats them with equality," Shanker said.

Shanker previously led successful efforts to win partner benefits for municipal employees in Allentown and Easton.

The school district's action follows other recent advances for relationship recognition in the state, including marriage equality endorsements from the Mayor of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Democratic Party.

Ted Martin, executive director of Equality Pennsylvania, noted, "The Bethlehem Area School District should be applauded for doing the right thing by their lgbt employees. There are people who really need these benefits, and thanks to commonsense school district leaders, they will get it."

Dame Glenda Passes, Known throughout State for Her Benevolences

Word traveled quickly that Dame Glenda passed August 22 after a lengthy illness and courageous fight with diabetes. She had been in the hospital the last few days, a stay that ended with a fatal stroke.

Born April 6, 1957, Glen Wagner is known throughout the state for her many volunteer fundraising efforts for many good causes, including HIV prevention and treatment, Central PA Pride Festival, and children's funds, among other endeavors.

Glenda was featured on the cover of the 2011 Pride Guide of the Central PA Pride Festival, along with other performers.

"She gave her all. She cared. She mentored and taught and brought out the best in us all," said one of her charges who credited Glenda with providing guidance and confidence "when I had none in myself."

"The legacy I inherited when volunteering to chair Pride was Glenda's year-in, year-out commitment to raising funds for our annual event," said Brad Martin, current chair, Central PA Pride Festival.

"No matter what, Glenda stood in the wings waiting to mount her shows, some years four shows, other years six shows, and on top of that also producing fund raisers for other worthy community causes," Martin said. "Her example to us all is one of open arms, no judgments and a loyalty to always giving back," he said.

Friends and others are hosting a memorial fundraiser Sun., Sept. 1, 9 p.m. at Liquid 891 called "It's Time to Give Back to Her". The community at-large is invited to attend and participate.

Our Evolving Gay Landscape

Frank Pizzoli

All change sheds new light on old advances.

As gay icon Edmund White expressed in our last interview: "The gay community was despised in the 50s, liberated in the 60s, partied large across urban settings in the 70s, and starting dying off in the 80s." That's a meteoric trajectory that covers at least the gay, bisexual, and transgender portion of our alphabet soup that seems to constantly grow.

As I wrote in my last note about that time period and the lesbian part of the queer alphabet: "The lesbian community merged energies to care for our sick and dying, an energy the gay male community with regard to women's health concerns, has yet to return in full measure."

Yet advances continue.

President Barak Obama continues to shed new light on the long practice of breaking barriers with lgbt appointments within his administration. Recently he made two more appointments, one in the Defense Department and one as a Federal Judge. Pamela Ki Mai Chen has been nominated to the federal bench.

The appointment of Pamela Ki Mai Chen makes her the first Asian lesbian to be appointed to a federal judge post. She served as prosecutor in Brooklyn before her appointment. She is the fifth openly lgbt American appointed as a federal judge. According to the New York Daily News, Senator Chuck Schumer said, "Chen is a 'fantastic' nominee 'who possesses the legal excellence, intellect and temperament to be a first-rate judge.'" Republicans are expected to hold up her confirmation until after the election and repeal the appointment if Mitt Romney is elected.

Eric Fanning has been appointed Under Secretary of the Air Force. His press said "Fanning is one of the highest appointed lgbt Americans serving in the Department of Defense" serving under Secretary of Navy Ray Mabus as Deputy Chief Management Officer. I'm not good at military bureaucracies so it's difficult to know just how important this appointment is.

Here comes the "new light" on "old advances" part or read "politically incorrect".

As we move toward assimilation, are we as a community pushing the inclusion envelope a bit too far when we make claims like "the first Asian lesbian to be appointed" or "the fifth openly lgbt American appointed" or "one of the highest appointed lgbt Americans"? When do we stop trumpeting accomplishments based on sexual orientation and begin to note that some in our herd, as in any group, succeed and others may not? When we reach the tenth appointment, the twentieth? When an lgbtqi member of every ethnic group on the planet is appointed, elected to, or successful at something? That's a long list. When does that factor become routine or irrelevant?

Our accomplishments are by and large not the result of our sexual orientation. Rather they are reflection of an individual's entire life experiences. True, someone who was, for example, bullied as a child and grows up to found a successful bullying project may be the exception that proves the rule.

Is our current situation like when gay icon writer Colm Toibin says that gay liberation is like Northern Ireland, once the troubles are over, the novelists – and by extension activists and advocates - have a different story to tell, one which isn't as intrinsically dramatic?

Does our current situation reflect what Christopher Bram answered in our last interview: "The world outside has changed, but you still have to "come out" and enter into that world, and doing so remains a very private, often still difficult, experience, even now in 2012."

Indeed, our community continues to evolve.

The Edmund White and Christopher Bram interviews are available at http://www.lambdaliterary.org by searching the Interviews section.

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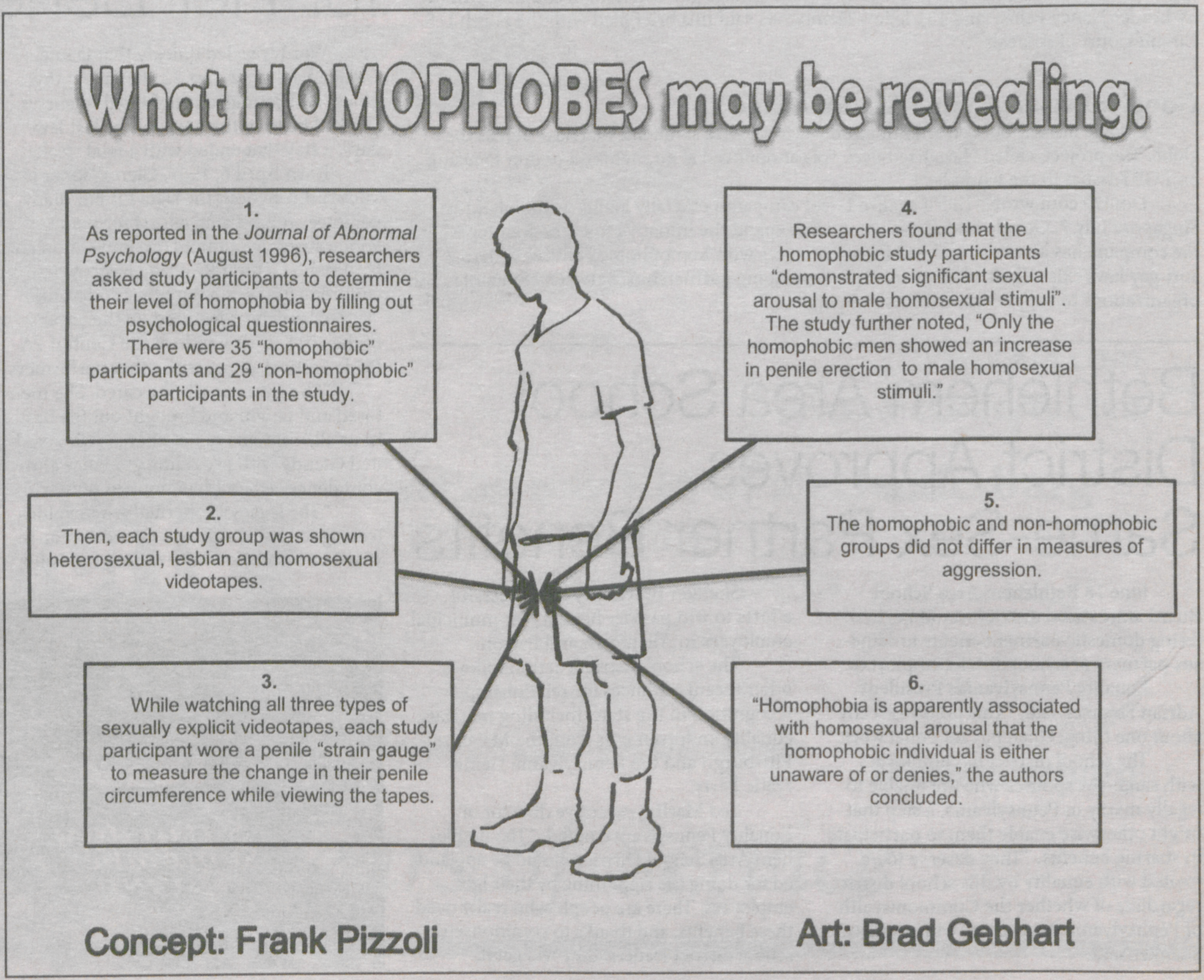

What HOMOPHOBES may be revealing.

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As reported in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* (August 1996), researchers asked study participants to determine their level of homophobia by filling out psychological questionnaires. There were 35 "homophobic" participants and 29 "non-homophobic" participants in the study.

2\.
Then, each study group was shown heterosexual, lesbian and homosexual videotapes.

3\.
While watching all three types of sexually explicit videotapes, each study participant wore a penile "strain gauge" to measure the change in their penile circumference while viewing the tapes.

4\.
Researchers found that the homophobic study participants "demonstrated significant sexual arousal to male homosexual stimuli". The study further noted, "Only the homophobic men showed an increase in penile erection to male homosexual stimuli."

5\.
The homophobic and non-homophobic groups did not differ in measures of aggression.

6\.
"Homophobia is apparently associated with homosexual arousal that the homophobic individual is either unaware of or denies," the authors concluded.

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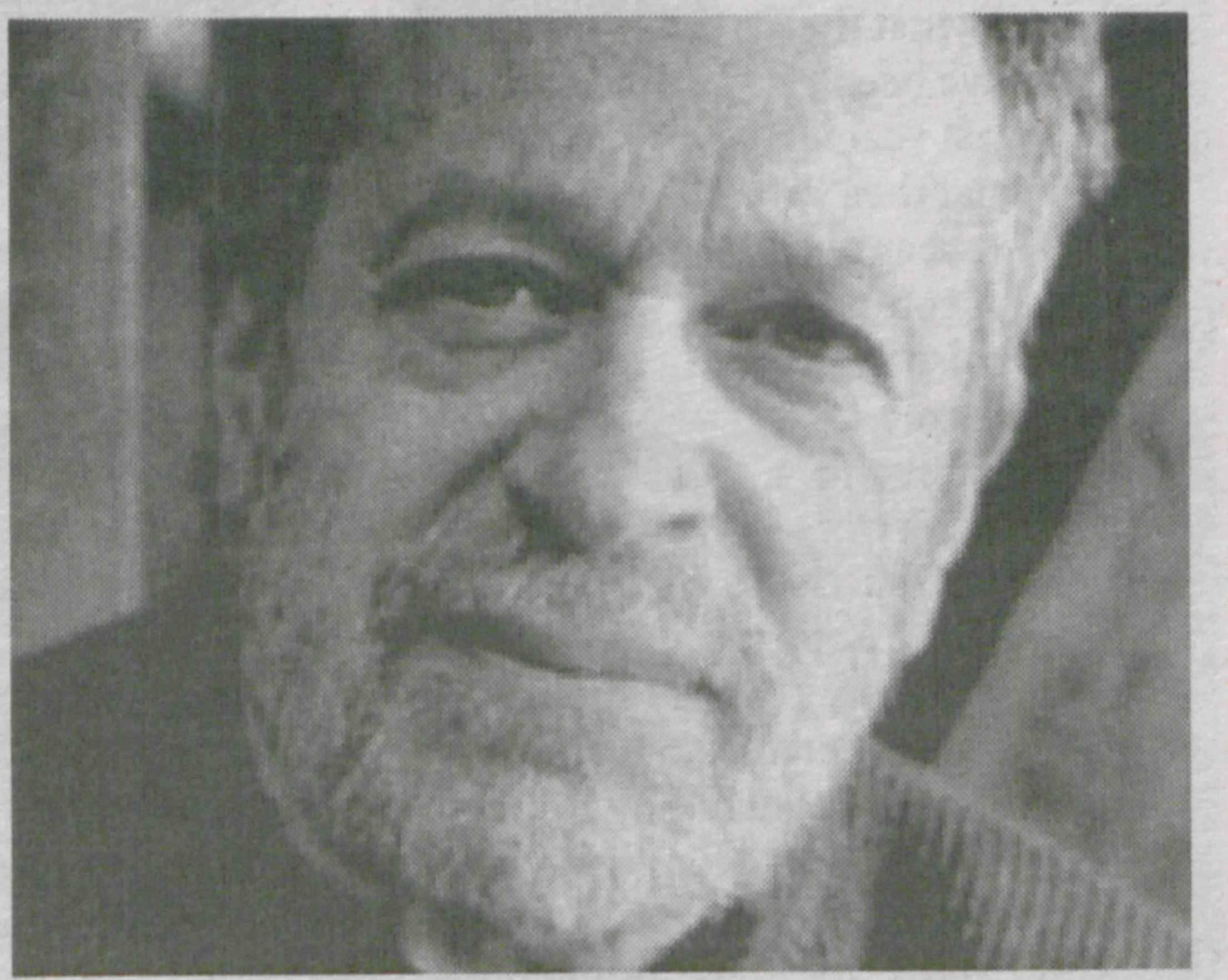
The Real Battle in 2012 and Beyond

By Robert Reich



Portrait, Robert Reich, 08/16/09. (photo: Perian Flaherty)

It's not merely Republicans versus Democrats, or conservatives versus liberals. The larger battle is between regressives and progressives.

Regressives want to take this nation backward — to before Social Security, unemployment insurance, and Medicare; before civil rights and voting rights; before regulations designed to protect the environment, workers, consumers, and investors. They want to sabotage much of what this nation has achieved over the last century. And they're out to do it by making the rich far richer, turning Americans against one another in competition for a smaller and smaller slice of the pie, substituting private morality for public morality, and opening the floodgates to big money in politics.

Progressives are determined to take this nation forward — toward equal opportunity, tolerance and openness, adequate protection against corporate and Wall Street abuses, and an economy and democracy that are working for all of us.

The upcoming election is critical but it's not the end of this contest. It will go on for years. It will require that you understand what's at stake. And that you energize, mobilize, and organize others.

Robert Reich is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley. He has served in three national administrations, most recently as secretary of labor under President Bill Clinton. His latest book is "Beyond Outrage."

voice box

COLUMNISTS
I've really enjoyed reading the local columnists. There are so many of them sharing their thoughts from right within the region. After thinking about it, I realized the columnists are as diverse as we are – religious, irreverent, advocates, activists, you name it!

Internet message

STILL AFRAID
I'm sorry but I'm not ready to celebrate too much about lgbt life, at least not here in this part of the state. I'm from here but have been lucky to travel around enough to have a comparison. Thing is people here are still afraid of living an 'out' life. Sorry, it's true. Out doesn't meant feeling okay in a dark (what's up with that?), smoky gay bar that feels like a 40-year time warp. Out isn't showing up at Pride once a year and going home feeling like ACT UP founder Larry Kramer. How much guts does it take to feel okay with thousands of other gays? I realize not everyone can be an 'activist' but surely gay people can be more forward and self loving than I often see around here. If you can't live comfortably with yourself in the light of day how do you expect our enemies to come around?

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PennFuture Happy with Shale Gas Drilling Decision

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Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) laud Commonwealth Court's decision striking down portions of the state's shale gas drilling law (Act 13), restoring local governments' right to protect their communities by planning for the orderly development of gas resources within its borders, and striking down the General Assembly's attempt to give the Department of Environment Protection unfettered discretion to waive water and wetlands protections in the law.

"This law – written in private with no public input – demonstrates what happens when elected officials overreach in attempts to promote a single industry to the detriment of their own citizenry," said George Jugovic Jr., PennFuture's president and CEO. "The law rewrites Pennsylvania's Oil and Gas Law in a fundamental way that showed contempt for local government's historic role of planning for areas that, to paraphrase the U.S. Supreme Court, protect family values and the blessings of a clean environment.

"Ordinary citizens were shocked to learn that this law stripped their local officials of the right to set aside residential areas where families could choose to live a quiet life away from major industrial activities, like compressor stations and industrial wastewater impoundments," said Jugovic. "The court's majority eloquently explains that the law 'violates substantive due process because it does not protect the interests of neighboring property owners from harm, alters the character of neighborhoods and makes irrational classifications -- irrational because it requires municipalities to allow all zones, drilling operations and impoundments, gas compressor stations, storage and use of explosives in all zoning districts, and applies industrial criteria to restrictions on height of structures, screening and fencing, lighting and noise.'

"It's time that Gov. Corbett and the legislature involve all interested parties regardless of political affiliation to write a law that is Constitutional. A law that protects the rights of local officials to plan for the orderly development of this important resource. And one that provides real environmental safeguards that cannot be waived in the wink of an eye by agency officials that should be focused on protecting the environment, rather than waiving those protections," said Jugovic.

PennFuture is a statewide public interest membership organization, founded in 1998. PennFuture's activities include litigating cases before regulatory bodies and in local, state, and federal courts; advocating and advancing legislative action on a state and federal level; public education; and assisting citizens in public advocacy.

Ned Smith Center Hosts Fall Harvest

Ned Smith Center will host a "harvest" of autumn fun on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. This annual event is designed to increase awareness of the natural world with many activities for children and families, including live animal presentations.

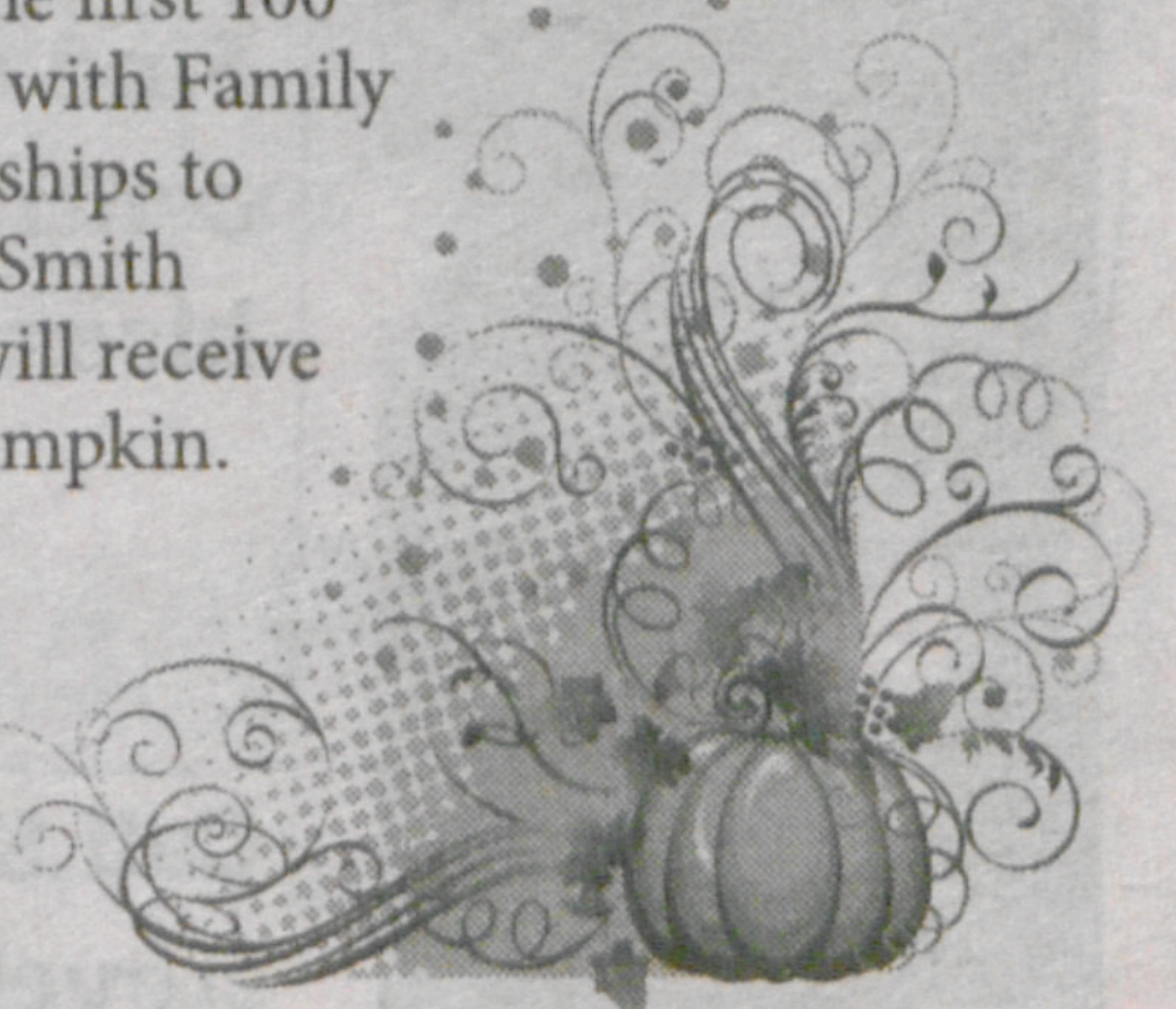
Fall frolic-ers can also get their face painted, visit the pumpkin patch, create a fall decoration at the "Art Creation Station," and try their skills at a round of Pumpkin Bowling and children's train rides. There will also be a honeybee presentation by Carns Bee Farm in Millersburg.

The Center's galleries will also be open that day, so attendees can visit the Olewine Gallery as well as the Ned Smith Gallery and the gift shop. Admission to the galleries is free to all Fall Family Fun Day attendees.

Ned Smith Center Director of Education Beth Sanders feels that this event is right in line with the Center's mission to merge the worlds of nature and the arts.

"This event is a great way to celebrate the autumn harvest," she says. "The fall is a great time for families to get together and enjoy nature. We have activity stations representing both nature and the arts, so it's a great manifestation of our mission."

Admission is $5 for ages 2 and older. The first 100 children with Family Memberships to the Ned Smith Center will receive a free pumpkin.



Andrew Texter Joins The Curve

Andrew Texter

Like the old song goes, What a difference a gay makes.

Andrew Texter, 22, raised in the region and a recent Lebanon Valley College graduate, has joined the staff of The Curve, an lgbt youth program affiliated with Planned Parenthood of Central Pennsylvania, York office.

When younger, Texter attended Northeastern High School's gay-straight alliance group as well as The Curve. "Being a part of these youth organizations gave me an opportunity to be a part of a community of likeminded, powerful teens and adults. They showed me how I could become a leader and an activist," he said.

At Lebanon Valley College, he was involved with the campus lgbt group, Freedom Rings, the Women's Services and Gender Resource Center.

Loving parents make a difference too.

"I was lucky enough to have enjoyed relative support growing up. My parents, regardless of their other beliefs, believed above all else that it was important for their son to feel safe and happy," Texter explained. "Having a gay son did push them out of their realm of experience, but when they didn't know the answer, they found someone who did. I also made some wonderful connections to local organizations as a child that made coming out easier."

"Now I am ready to take my skills that I have been garnering throughout my youth and apply them to a career," Texter said.

As Youth Program Coordinator, he manages The Cruve and the Peer Education Program. The youth program is supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth and their allies, ages 14-21. The group meets every other Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m. at Planned Parenthood in York.

The Peer Education program trains teens to act as sexuality and sexual health resources for their peers. Research shows that teens learn the most from their peers and are more likely to talk to their peers about personal topics such as sex. Peer Educators go through a rigorous training that's usually about 24 hours over four days.

"Right now we have about 15 active Peer Educators, and The Curve is attended by 5 to10 youth every meeting," Texter said.

Texter is ready for his new role. "Not everyone has a chance to give back to their community in this way."

GOP Congresswoman Supports Marriage Equality

By Lucas Grindley

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has verified her support for marriage equality to the Washington Blade, making her the first Republican member of the House to do so.

Ros-Lehtinen also became the first Republican to sign on as a cosponsor for a bill repealing the Defense of Marriage Act — called the Respect for Marriage Act — back in September.

The Blade reports that Ros-Lehtinen at first seemed suspicious of the reporter's question about whether she supports marriage equality. "I thought you were trying to get some tricky thing here," she told the Blade, then verified she's a supporter of same-sex marriage: "I am."

Ros-Lehtinen's support for marriage equality had been presumed by some but never explicitly outlined. The Florida congresswoman's district includes South Beach, most of Miami, and the Florida Keys.

She is further breaking from the leaders of her party in the House, who not only oppose marriage equality but also are funding a legal defense of the Defense of Marriage Act in court.

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Feds to Tackle Gay Partner Abuse & LGBT Obesity

It's a long read, but shows exactly what the feds have been up to last year and what they'll do next year for the lgbt community. It also has a long name — The Health and Human Services (HHS) LGBT Issues Coordinating Committee 2012 Report.

According to the report, major progress has been seen in six areas for the community, including research, LGBT children and families, cultural competency, anti-violence efforts, the Affordable Care Act, funding opportunities, and outreach. Future goals include issues of discrimination, obesity and smoking in the family.

HHS coordinates with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on a lot of its efforts through a program called the New Beginning Initiative (NBI). The NBI brings together different organizations in an effort to effect policy and regulatory changes that may help the lgbt community.

The Task Force's Brad Jacklin had a hard time picking one realized goal over another, based on those listed in the HHS report, but felt that information was the most important element for the community.

"The federal government gives out a lot of money depending on a specific community's need. If there's one thing that ties all of those things together, it'd be data collection," Jacklin said. "In order for lgbt community to get real access to those resources, there needs to be a better understanding of what the community needs. Without data, there's no way to realize that."

At the same time, while community data is a priority and is starting to make its way into the hands that need it, national data is still hard to come by.

"What we're missing is large-scale information, but I think we can do this. We've been able to demonstrate that through projects and research," Jacklin said. "We're not where we need to be. That's why the lgbt advocacy community has really been pushing data collection. And it's why the HHS has been pushing the same thing."

Regardless of what's been accomplished and what still needs work, Jacklin said that when it comes to healthcare, and issues outside of HIV/AIDS altogether, openness with officials and doctors is a sure way to move the community forward.

"One of the impediments to healthcare is people who are afraid to tell their providers about their lives. Good outcomes are born out of good and honest conversation," he said.

"There are a lot of people who are very dedicated to the issue of LGBT health in the HHS. They've been very good partners and we're very pleased with the progress that they've made to date."

704 Evolving, Watch for Changes

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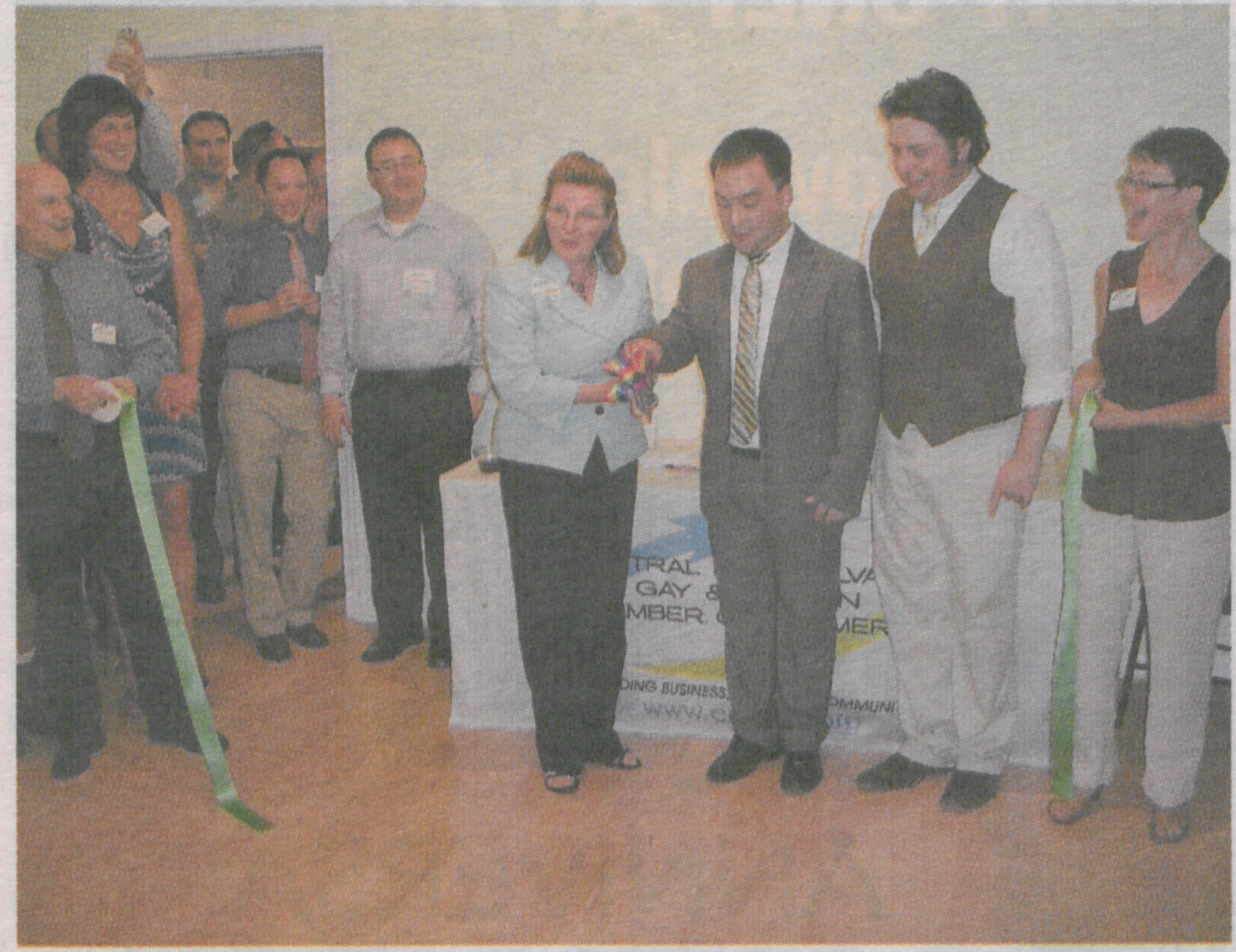
704, a popular establishment at 704 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg is poised to roll out more changes. Already in place is a Non-Smoking area to the left side of the bar upon entering. By Pride weekend, the bar had offered comfortable sidewalk table seating with palms. Watch for more upscale changes. Co-owners Russell Harr, left, and Brett Johnson, right. http://www.704pa.com

Community Center Officially Open



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July 17 the LGBT Community Center officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with The Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce of Central Pennsylvania. From left with rainbow ribbon: Deb McClain, chamber president, Louie Marven, center executive director, Stuart Landon, center board president, and Deb Gable, chamber board member.

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Black and White Party Presents $10,000

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Representatives of local The Black and White Party presented $5,000 to (top) Family First Health and $5,000 (bottom) Alder Health Services. Funds were raised at a May 2012 annual event.

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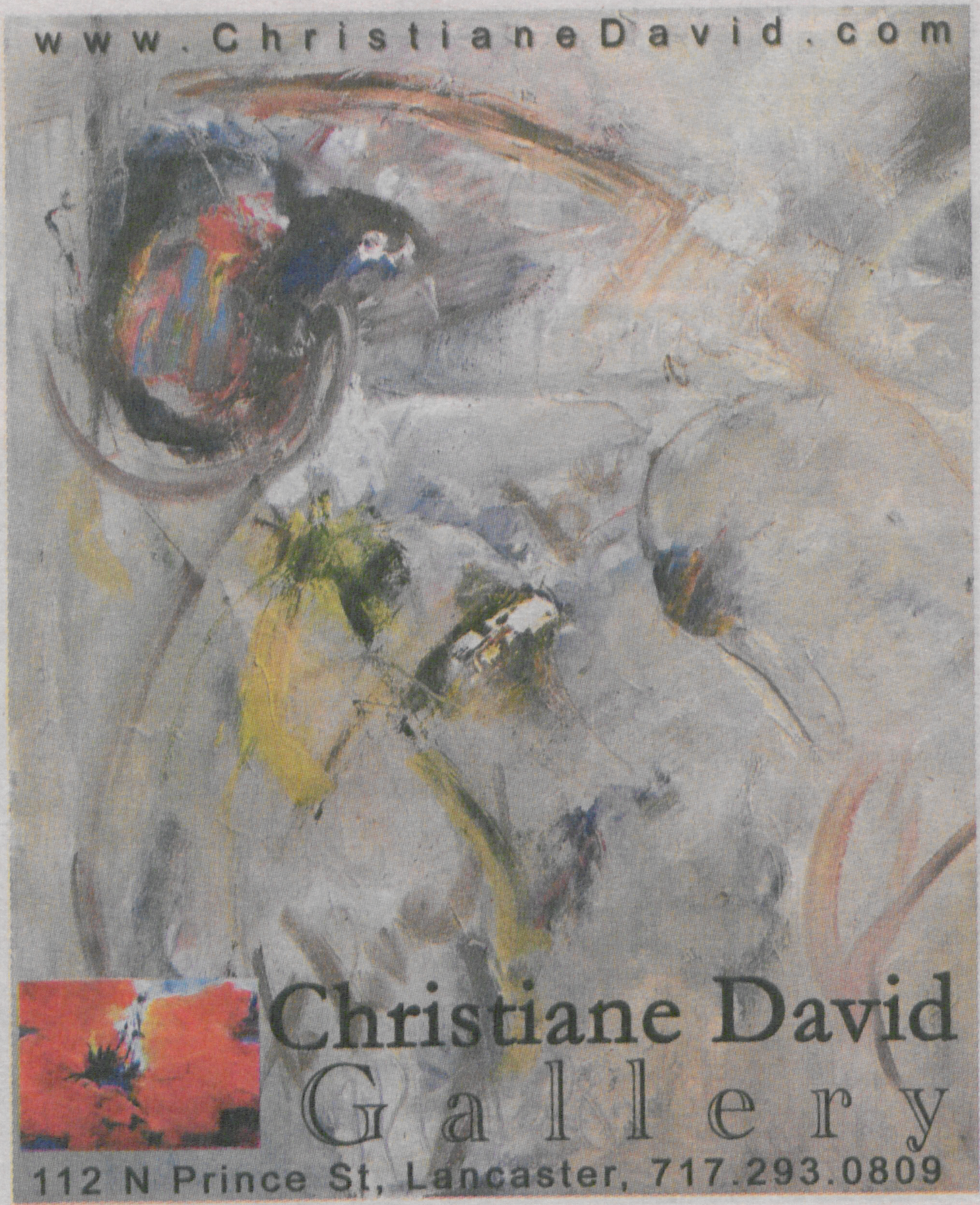
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Pride in the Park Sellout Success!

The first annual Pride in the Park, held at Hershey Park July 22, was a completely sold out success. Main sponsors were Alder Health Services, The Black and White Party, Central Voice, as well as Capital City Bears, Susquehanna Valley Bears, LGBT Center of Central PA, The Pennsmen, Family First Health, MCC Vision of Hope, Pride of Central PA, Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus, TransCentral PA, Planned Parenthood of Central PA, MCC of the Spirit, Lancaster Pride, Planned Parenthood of Mid-Penn and Northeast PA.

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No Pro-LGBT Laws Expected

With a few months remaining in the 112th Congress, advocates say the chances for advancing any pro-lgbt legislation even in the Democratic-controlled Senate are slim, at least before Election Day.

Michael Cole-Schwartz, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, expressed the sentiment that progress on pro-lgbt bills is unlikely in Congress anytime soon.

"Obviously the calendar is tight with only seven legislative weeks between now and the election," Cole-Schwartz said. "Further, as summer rolls on, it begins to get harder and harder to get much done on Capitol Hill."

Still, Cole-Schwartz said HRC will look to see what could be accomplished in the lame duck session and push to include lgbt provisions in any major tax bill or other omnibus spending package that comes to the floor.

Few had expected pro-lgbt legislation to move through the House while Republicans remain in control of the chamber, although some progress was made on bills in the Senate — including the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits & Obligations Act, and the Respect for Marriage Act — leading to hopes that more progress could be made in at least one chamber of Congress.

On ENDA, which would bar job discrimination against lgbt people in the workplace, the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee held a historic hearing last month featuring the first-ever testimony from an openly transgender person before the Senate. Earlier in the Congress, the DPBO bill, which would extend health and pension benefits to partners of federal workers, and the RMA, which would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, were reported out of their respective committees of jurisdiction.

But even these bills may not advance. A Senate Democratic aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was unlikely that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) would schedule time for votes on these bills before Election Day, but left the door open for the possibility of them being tacked on to larger legislation coming to the floor.

"There is very little chance that any of these bills will be voted on in the Senate — as freestanding legislation – before the end of 2012," the aide said. "However, it's possible that one of the first three listed could be pushed by their sponsors as an amendment to another bill."

A spokesperson for Reid's office didn't respond to a request for comment on whether floor time would be scheduled for any pending pro-LGBT legislation for the remainder of this Congress.

Progress on one measure, the reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act, which was intended as a vehicle for pro-LGBT legislation, has apparently reached an impasse. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.), the sponsor of the Student Non-Discrimination Act, and Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), had pledged to offer their anti-bullying bills as amendments to ESEA reauthorization when it came to the floor.

Cole-Schwartz said ESEA reauthorization "has stalled and is not expected to move further this year," but advocates are looking for other options on the anti-bullying bills.

"While we had hoped it to be a vehicle for LGBT-inclusive schools legislation, we are working with allies to identify other options," Cole-Schwartz said.

Shawn Gaylord, director of public policy for the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, or GLSEN, echoed the sentiment that negotiations on ESEA reauthorization have stalled and "the general consensus in the education community is that any movement within this Congress is unlikely."

STUDY:

40% Homeless Youth Are LGBT

By Jamie Maurer

An new survey of shelters catering to homeless youth reveals that nearly 40% of their clients were lgbt.

The numbers aren't entirely shocking, but what is surprising is that 94% of agencies said that they worked with lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans clients in the last year, compared to 82% a decade ago.

The report, Serving Our Youth, was conducted by the Williams Institute, the Palette Fund and the True Colors Fund based on hundreds of surveys conducted from October 2011 through March 2012. Researchers found that 30% of clients identified as gay or lesbian, 9% identified as bisexual and 1% identified as "other gender." At least another 1% were transgender men or women who identified as "male" or "female."

Of course the results can be interpreted different ways: Are shelters doing a better job at identifying and reaching out to queer youth? Or are more LGBT kids finding themselves without a home?

Young people find themselves homeless for a variety of reasons: abuse, neglect, or simply aging out of the foster care system. But according to the study's respondents, approximately 68% of their LGBT clients have experienced family rejection, and many of them have run away or been forced out of their homes by their own parents. Being aware that so many of their clients are gay or trans enables staffers, counselors and social workers to address issues of particular importance to the LGBT community—family reconciliation, HIV treatment, sex work, etc.

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There's been a lot of justifiable concern over gay teens taking their own lives, but homelessness is a serious issue as well (and one not wholly divorced from suicide). Perhaps certain "pro-family" organizations should follow their own advice and think of the children–the LGBT ones they are consigning to life on the streets (or worse) with their hateful rhetoric.

LGBT community center coalition

By Louie Marven
Executive Director
LGBT Community Center Coalition of Central PA

This summer was a monumental season for The LGBT Center of Central PA. We moved into a new, visible, storefront location at 1306 N Third Street in Midtown Harrisburg, and The Center has already become a thriving hub of community activity.

A number of local businesses made generous in-kind donations to help us get settled in our new home. Thanks to Garretson Tile Company for donating tile and setting materials for our two bathrooms and kitchen, to Highmark Blue Shield for donating all of our office furniture, and to SunWorks, etc. for donating a concrete countertop for our kitchen, a reception desk, and the beautiful logo wall you'll see when you walk past The Center on Third Street.

The LGBT Center Gallery features the work of local LGBT artists, and has presented new shows opening with receptions during Harrisburg's monthly gallery night 3rd in the Burg—the third Friday of each month—since June. Upcoming receptions include "UNKNOWN," featuring the work of local up-and-coming LGBT artists on September 21 at 7:00 pm and "True Colors," a juried show featuring the work of local high school and college gay-straight alliance members on October 19 at 7:00 pm. Artworks showing in The LGBT Center Gallery are available to be viewed during The Center's drop-in hours, every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 3:00-6:00 pm.

For questions about upcoming exhibits, contact curator David Kern at gallery@centralpalgbtcenter.org.

When you stop by The Center, make sure to pick up a bottle of water from our "Change for The Center Campaign"! Keep the empty bottle, fill it with change, and return it to The Center by September 21 (during 3rd in the Burg) as a donation. We've been passing out these bottles all summer at Pride festivals and at Center events, and look forward to seeing all of those come back filled with change. Thanks to Peggy Lichty and Barbara Sunderlin for creating this fundraiser and donating the materials.

Finally, as Back to School season approaches, The Center welcomes three Master of Social Work students completing their field placements working with our youth program Common Roads. Jessica Davis and Chelsea Jones from Shippensburg University and Jan Bechtel from Millersville University will facilitate Common Roads meetings in Harrisburg, Carlisle, and Lancaster, respectively. Over the years, interns have become a key part of staffing The Center's grassroots work, and we are excited to bring Jessica, Chelsea, and Jan aboard.

The mission of the LGBT Center of Central PA is to create common ground for the LGBT community and allies in central Pennsylvania by providing services through educational, cultural, and community activities that foster wholeness.

Contact: 717- 920-9534; www.centralpalgbtcenter.org

Lambda Legal Issues Trans Rights for Seniors, Youth

Lambda Legal recently released publication of two new transgender rights fact sheets, "Survival Tips for Trans Youth" and "Trans Aging: We're Still Here!" They are the latest additions to Lambda Legal's ongoing transgender toolkit project and provide vital information to the transgender community.

"Survival Tips for Trans Youth" focuses on common legal issues and obstacles faced by transgender youth. It answers questions such as "How do I find a safe place to live?" and "How do I get trans-affirming healthcare?" "Survival Tips for Trans Youth" devotes much of its time to issues of discrimination and harassment that transgender youth often face. The fact sheet also publicizes the Lambda Legal LGBT teen hotline, which can be reached at 1-866-LGBTeen (1-866-542-8336).

"Trans Aging: We're Still Here!" focuses on transgender seniors. Nearly one-fifth of transgender adults report being refused care by medical providers, so this fact sheet focuses on access to such care. The fact sheet also highlights legal protections for transgender adults against discrimination in health care and housing.

These two fact sheets are the latest inserts in Lambda Legal's transgender rights toolkit series, covering issues from workplace fairness to transition-related healthcare.

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MCC column

By Rev. Lori Rivera, Pastor
MCC of the Spirit

"We are a 'Regular' Church" Now 44 Years Old

I was first introduced to an MCC - Metropolitan Community Church - in 1988. This was 20 years after MCC started in California and that was before the Stonewall Riots. My partner's co-worker told her that there was a church in town, West Palm Beach, FL, "where gays and lesbians could go and are welcomed". She told me about the church and it didn't knock my socks off. I like many people before me and many after thought, "Oh, it's just a bunch of queers playing church, it's not really church".

After my partner, Darlene, attended for a number of weeks she finally wore me down and I agreed to go. We had always been consistent church goers at the Baptist Church in our home town. MCC of the Palm Beaches was then meeting in the Women's Club building on Flagler Avenue just across from the Intracoastal water way. It was a beautiful location. Gulls soaring overhead, breezes blowing through the palm fronds, and the sound of the water hitting the cement retaining wall made for a truly serene place to find a church. People were already gathered for the worship service as we entered and I had an experience that many have had – I found that I was home. I found a place where I could worship God and be who I am without having to hide or review everything I said before speaking.

I could only imagine what the people there would have thought if they had known how I originally felt about the church. I've learned through time that I was and am not the only person that wondered if it was just a group of gays and lesbians playing church. I've heard the same comment from other people over the years along with – "You can't combine homosexuality and Christianity." "It's just a gay church not a real church." "I attend a regular church not a gay church." Today I'm the one who doesn't like to hear people say these things about my church.

The Rev. Elder Troy Perry began MCC in his home in California with 12 people: gay and straight; male and female; Christian and Jew. This was quite a variety of people and MCC continues to be the same today. Rev. Perry began MCC as a Christian church movement with a ministry to the gay and lesbian community. It has grown to welcome all people. And yes, the majority of folks in a MCC are from the LGBT community but that doesn't keep others – those questioning, those who don't label themselves, those who are our allies, those who have children or siblings in the LGBT community, and those who want to worship God just as they are - from worshipping together.

I emphasize that MCC is a Christian church. We are not playing church, we are church. Rev. Perry's plan, which is still in effect today, was that the church would have a 3 prong ministry: First – It would teach that Salvation is free for everyone and that God loves each and every one of us. Using John 3:16 – that God loves everyone and whoever believes would not perish – people would be reminded that the "whoever" includes everyone: gays and lesbians, bisexual, transgendered, straight, black, white, tall, short, skinny, fat, and those without labels. Second - The church would be a community; a safe place where folks could worship God as they are without having to wear masks or having to be afraid anymore. The church would be family, a loving family [for many the only family they have after being rejected by their biological families]. And third - The church would be involved in Christian social action. The church, its people, would be involved in fighting injustice wherever it was encountered.   As a people we would stand up for our rights both secular and religious.

This October MCC will be 44 years old. Not very old compared to many denominations. But in those 44 years, MCC has grown to over 260 churches in 40 countries around the world. And in those 44 years and still today, MCC continues to be a Christian church with a 3 prong ministry to the LGBT community and others. And today as yesterday and as it will be in the future, we continue to worship God as loving children of God.

I invite you to come attend a worship service at MCC of the Spirit. Our worship service is on Sunday at 10am. We have a "blended" service where you will hear Bible-based preaching, some of your old favorite hymns, and some of the newer upbeat praise songs. You might even find a bit of yourself from your childhood church.

The next time you hear someone say "You're going to MCC - that Gay church," tell them "No, I going to MCC - that Christian church that worships God and welcomes all people."

> *"The beauty of standing up for your rights is others will see you standing and stand up as well."*
>
> **– Cassandra Duffy**

New Lesbian Super PAC Will Champion Gay And Women's Rights

By Zack Ford
Think Progress LGBT

Jane Lynch

A new lesbian super PAC called LPAC has launched to support pro-lesbian candidates and play a role in same-sex marriage ballot initiatives. The group will be led by Laura Ricketts, co-owner of the Chicago Cubs, whose father, billionaire Joe Ricketts, has raised sizable funds to oppose President Obama's re-election. With a modest (by super PAC standards) goal of raising $1 million this year, the effort will support candidates like Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), who is hoping to become the first-ever elected openly gay Senator, as well as any other Democrat or Republican who warrants endorsement.

LPAC spokewoman Sarah Schmidt talked to the Huffington Post about the importance of a lesbian-specific fundraising effort:

SCHMIDT: Women's voices get lost a lot and get overshadowed in almost all settings. So I think there's a real opportunity here to engage women who haven't been engaged before — for lesbians, in particular, to speak for ourselves about the issues that are important to us and to define those issues in our own words. It's a chance to really have a seat at the table when these critical issues are being discussed and the policy is being developed. We want to be there. We want to be in the middle of the conversation.[...]

Part of the reason why we're mobilizing right now is because of what's been going on in the political conversation and what we've been hearing coming from the Republican Party around these issues that's been so disheartening. We would really hope that we can find some Republican candidates to support. I'm not sure that's going to happen this cycle.

LPAC has already secured some high-profile supporters, including actress Jane Lynch, sports icon Billie Jean King, LGBT leader Urvashi Vaid, and former Provincetown Banner published Alix Ritchie.

Honor Killings in Turkey

Gay and transgender persons in Turkey face "honor" killings by their families in Turkey to save face and respect for their children's sexuality. Sexual identity and homophobia in modern-day Turkey and the systematic violence and discrimination faced by Turkey's LGBT community must be brought to the forefront

The 2008 killing of Abmet Yildiz was the first publicized gay so-called "honor killing" in Turkey, though not the first for sure. A recent case of a transsexual murdered by her brother has also highlighted the issue.

As does the news that Burhan Tatliwas was killed by his brother for being gay. His younger brother reportedly had been made fun of by his peers because of his brother's sexuality. The murderer cut his brother's throat and stabbed him four times on different parts of his body. The cases emphasize the fact that men and transsexuals can also be victims of honor killings.

York: Strike Outs Bowling

Strike Outs Bowling, the York area's only lgbt bowling league, just completed a very successful third season with our annual banquet. We again raised money for charity, this year donating over $700 to York County's Child Abduction Response Effort (CARE). After doubling in size over our previous seasons we look forward to continuing to grow to include more of the region's lgbt community as well as their friends and family. Our members come from York, Lancaster, Hanover and Baltimore areas and range in ages from 18-50+. We have singles, couples, families and friends. We bowl Sundays at 3 p.m. in York and our new season begins Sept. 9.

Contact: www.strikeoutsbowling.org, Bobby at strikeoutsbowling@gmail.com, 443-695-0734

transgender column

By Jeanine Ruhsam
president of TransCentralPA

Transylvania: No Man's Land

Here in Penn's Woods it's no woman's land either- for those that identify as transgender. The state of not belonging fully to either gender is not limited to Pennsylvania. It is the same in every state for transgender people in America.

Transgender people identify as the gender opposite the one determined by their biological sex at birth. Given the reigning Gender Binary, we must fit into one of the two gender categories, hopefully convincingly enough to not alarm people- for we need to get by like anyone else.

Gendering people is a much bigger issue than most people realize- generally you don't think about it unless you are struggling with it. "People rely on gender to help understand the world, to make order out of chaos," says Jean Malpas, of the Gender and Family Project at the Ackerman Institute in Manhattan. "It's been a way of measuring someone's well-being: 'Are you adjusted? Do you fit? Or are you unhinged?' The social categories of man/woman, boy/girl are fundamental, and when an individual challenges that by blurring the lines, it's very disorienting at first. It's as if they're questioning the laws of gravity."

But it's not that simple, for we that are transgender will never "be" truly one gender. We are not simply either male or female- we are both at once, and will always be so despite what we've done to our bodies' appearance and our hormonal balance. Thankfully the pressure on trans people to endure expensive, dangerous and unnecessary surgeries to conform to societal expectations of gender-performing norms is being done way with through the efforts of organizations such as Equality PA, the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, NCTE and TransCentralPA. We will never really fit neatly and cleanly into one category, for we've been gifted and burdened with the ability to bridge both and forever walk between.

The Native American people really grasped and revered that concept: trans people, called Two-Spirits, were an integral part of their culture, and easily moved between the two genders, for they existed and were recognized as a third and special one.

I have come to realize that we transgender folk find ourselves without a place of our own. We are ever to be guests of the home we ask to dwell in- and that is really okay, for that is our destiny as gendered society's go-betweens. Last week I joined my GF (Genetic Female) spouse for a road trip to New Hampshire- the "Live Free or Die" state, one of the few places in America that legally endorses same-sex marriage. While there we stayed in a wonderful retreat in the White Mountains that caters exclusively to women and lesbians. When I made the reservation a couple of weeks earlier I wanted to let the hostess/owner know that I was a trans woman, and to ask if I was welcome- for I know my place: I am a guest in the world of women, and yet I do not belong in the world of men. And, while there as a welcome (and polite) guest, I realized that I am really quite happy with that state (of being- New Hampshire's a pretty great state, too!).

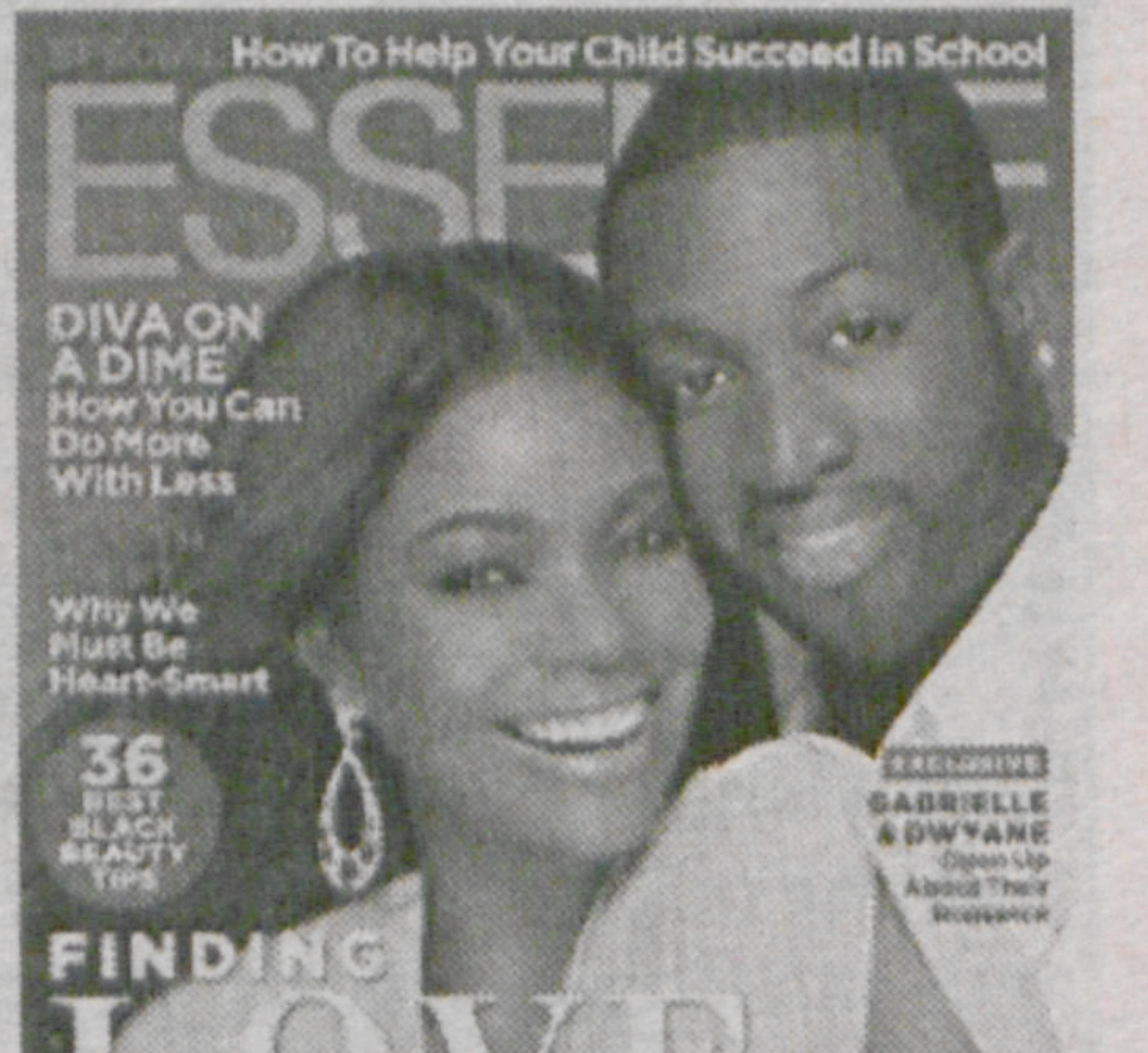
Essence: If They Can Get Over It, Can You?

Essence, a monthly magazine for African American women, spotlights a same-sex couple in their "Find Love at Any Age" feature in the February 2012 issue.

The 8-page spread, which includes various couples that have found love at different stages in their lives, also tells the story of Audrey Smaltz, 74, and Gail Marquis, 61, and their unexpected courtship.

Gail, a former professional basketball player who had won a silver medal in the 1976 Olympics, spotted Audrey, a former model, at a personal development seminar where Audrey was presenting. Captivated by Audrey's energy, Gail signed up for another seminar she was teaching and approached her at the end of the class. The two clicked instantly.

Gail simply says they are best friends: "We love each other's company." The couple agree that they haven't had a lot of hurdles to overcome, mainly because, Audrey says, she did not care what anybody thought.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"Some friends said it's a fling; it won't last," she recalls. "But I didn't care. I've always told people that I am not a lesbian, I am in love with Gail, but you can put a title on it if you want." The only person Audrey sought for a blessing? Her pastor. "I kept trying to get an appointment. It took me five months," she says. Her pastor had only one question: "Does she know God?" he asked. "That's all that matters." ("Love at Any Age," Essence, Feb. 2012)

Wisconsin Lawmaker Wants to Make Parenthood Child Abuse

Photo via Grothman's website.

Wisconsin state Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) has introduced a bill demonizing single parents by classifying them as child abusers.

Senate Bill 507 specifically requires "the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to emphasize nonmarital parenthood as a contributing factor to child abuse and neglect."

A third of Wisconsin parents are single parents, but this law affects even more than that. The way the law refers to "nonmarital parenthood" also makes this applicable to non-married couples, including same-sex couples. S.B. 507 reads:

Section 1. 48.982 (2) (g) 2. of the statutes is amended to read: 48.982 (2) (g) 2. Promote statewide educational and public awareness campaigns and materials for the purpose of developing public awareness of the problems of child abuse and neglect. In promoting those campaigns and materials, the board shall emphasize nonmarital parenthood as a contributing factor to child abuse and neglect.

Section 2. 48.982 (2) (g) 4. of the statutes is amended to read: 48.982 (2) (g) 4. Disseminate information about the problems of and methods of preventing child abuse and neglect to the public and to organizations concerned with those problems. In disseminating that information, the board shall emphasize nonmarital parenthood as a contributing factor to child abuse and neglect.

Grothman isn't just some fringe nutjob. He's the assistant majority leader and a staunch ally of Gov. Scott Walker. Unlike Walker, Grothman is not up for recall because activists were unable to get enough signatures. State Rep. Donald Pridemore (R-Hartford) co-sponsored the bill. (He is not up for recall either.)

Grothman is not a fan of welfare policies. In a flyer detailing his family policies (embedded at the bottom of this post), he says, "The Left and the social welfare establishment want children born out of wedlock because they are far more likely to be dependent on the government." He touched on those issues after introducing SB507 last week. The Cap Times writes:

"I guess as long as this state is going to fund a group called the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, at least that group could use the money that they have to publicize something that's politically incorrect, but I think has to be said in our society," Grothman said at a public hearing on the bill last week.

Noting that 41 percent of children born in the U.S. last year were born to single parents, Grothman said: "It's a very politically difficult thing to deal with because over time you're having more and more families that are not old-fashioned families. There are even people who make fun of old-fashioned families."

State Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) said this bill is an assault on women. "What this bill does is call out and chastise women who have babies and are unmarried," she told The Cap Times. Human Development and Family Studies Professor Dave Riley told The Badger Herald that family type has far less impact than the family process and that research shows that "leaving a conflictual marriage actually improves parent-child relationships."

SB507 is now with the Senate Public Health committee, and The Cap Times says it's not likely to get a committee vote, since the committee chair Pam Galloway (R-Wausau) is facing a close recall election.

And here is Grothman's stance on families, wherein he explains "How The United States and the State of Wisconsin are Working to Encourage Single-Motherhood and Discouraging Children in 2-Parent Families."

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book review

By Lewis Maurer
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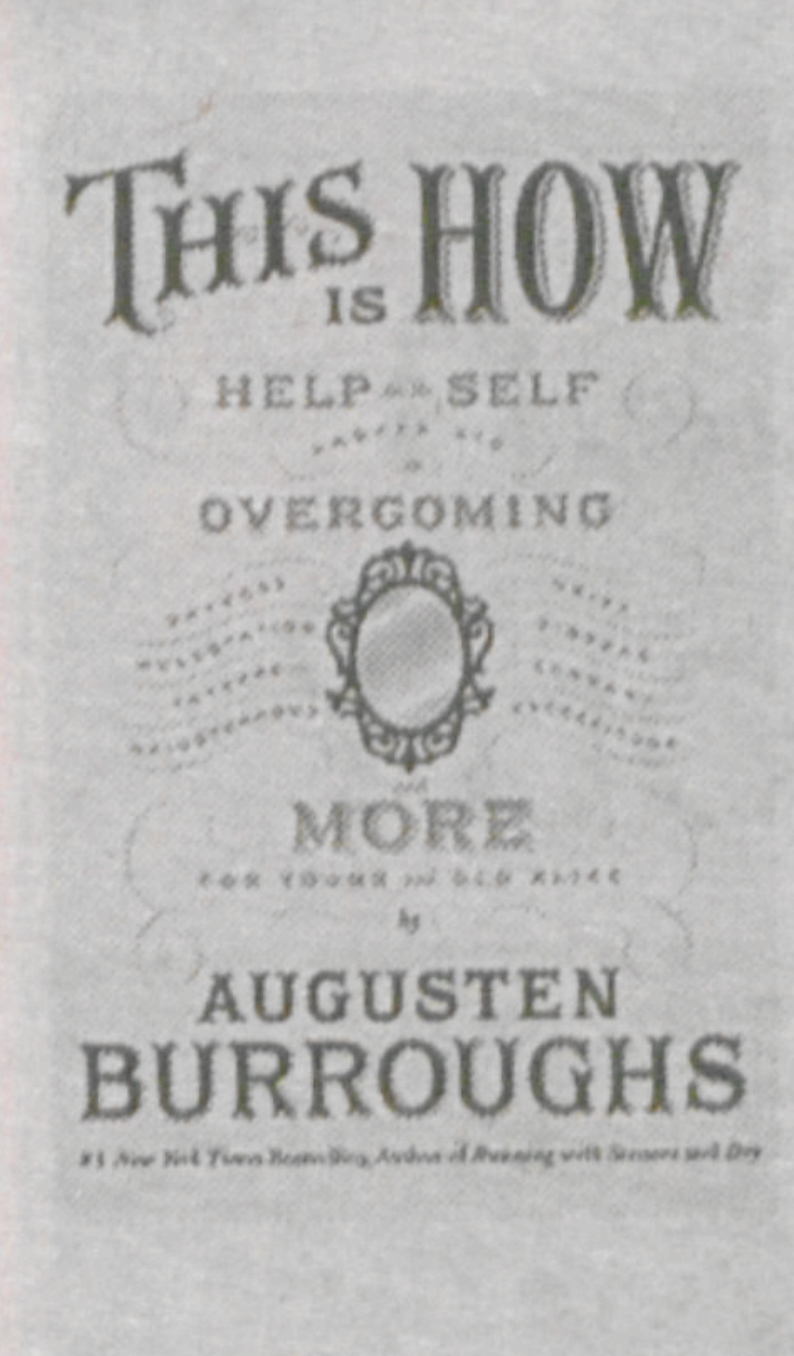

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By Augusten Burroughs

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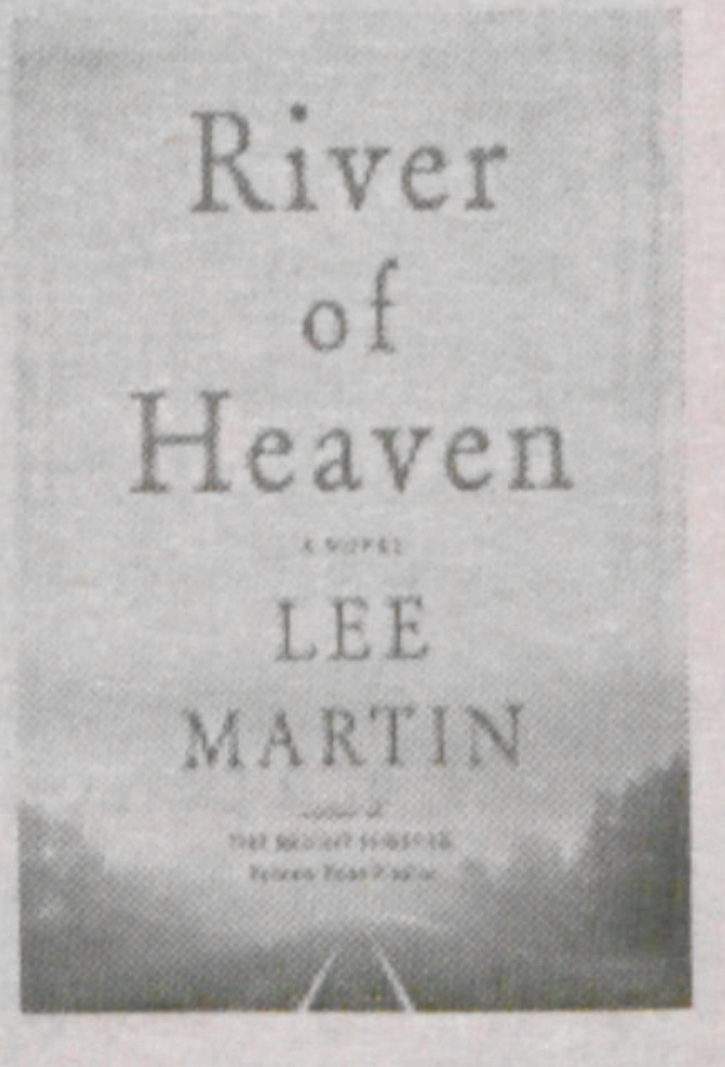
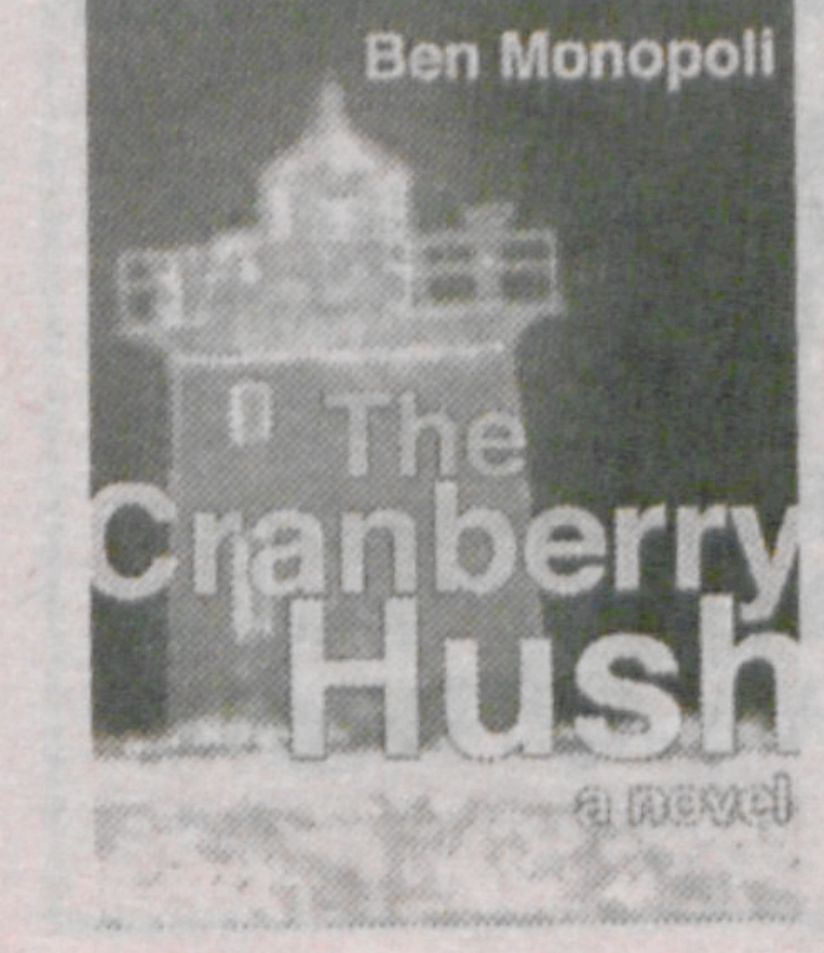
River of Heaven: A Novel
By Lee Martin



If you've ever done anything that you deeply regret, if you've ever been a target of bullying, if you've ever bullied or turned your back on taunting of a gay kid, if you are self-reflective on coming out and living authentically; download or check out this book. The story begins at a quaint pace, hinting at a secret. By its close, you will have known individual and national scale danger and experienced scenes that will both horrify and soften your heart.



The Cranberry Hush: A Novel
By Ben Monopoli

A gay guy with a crush on his college roommate is nothing new. The way Monopoli tells it is. Don't miss this modern day multi-layered tortured twenty-somethings' feel good love story. It's light, it's a quick read and the well-drawn characters will stick with you. If you're decades past, your understanding of twenty-somethings will expand from meeting Vince and Griff.

Obama Adds to LGBT Appointments

President Barak Obama continues his long practice of breaking barriers with lgbt appointments within his administration. Recently he made two more appointments, one in the Defense Department and one as a Federal Judge.

Pamela Ki Mai Chen has been nominated to the federal bench.

Pamela Ki Mai Chen

The appointment of Pamela Ki Mai Chen makes her the first Asian lesbian to be appointed to a federal judge post. She served as prosecutor in Brooklyn before her appointment. She is the fifth openly lgbt American appointed as a federal judge. According to the New York Daily News, Senator Chuck Schumer said, "Chen is a "fantastic" nominee "who possesses the legal excellence, intellect and temperament to be a first-rate judge." Republicans are expected to hold up her confirmation until after the election and repeal the appointment if Mitt Romney is elected.

Eric Fanning has been appointed Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Eric Fanning

Eric Fanning is one of the highest appointed lgbt Americans serving in the Department of Defense. Currently he serves under Secretary of Navy Ray Mabus as Deputy Chief Management Officer. Previously, Mr. Fanning had worked on Capital Hill on the House Armed Forces Committee.

The Victory Fund outlined his new duties: According to the U.S. Air Force Web site, the Under Secretary for the Air Force is responsible for "the organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of…more than 333,000 active duty men and women, 178,000 Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve members, 182,000 civilians, and their families." The under secretary serves as the Chief Management Officer of the Air Force, its senior energy official, and the focal point for space within Air Force Headquarters, according to the web site.

A full list of Obama's lgbt appointments is available at - http://victoryinstitute.org/presidential

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Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

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STRAND CAPITOL

Capitol Theatre
Melissa Etheridge
Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Etheridge's performance features new songs from newest album, 4th Street Feeling, as well as classic hits. One of the greatest female rock icons, Melissa Etheridge is best known for her memorable songs "I'm the Only One," "Come to My Window," "Bring Me Some Water" and "Ain't It Heavy." Melissa Etheridge hit her musical stride with her fourth album, Yes I Am; an album that went six times platinum and spent more than two and a half years on the album chart. Her astounding success has led her to receive numerous awards and honors including the Songwriter of the Year honor at the ASCAP Pop Awards, two Grammy awards, the Academy Award® in 2007 for her song "I Need To Wake Up" and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
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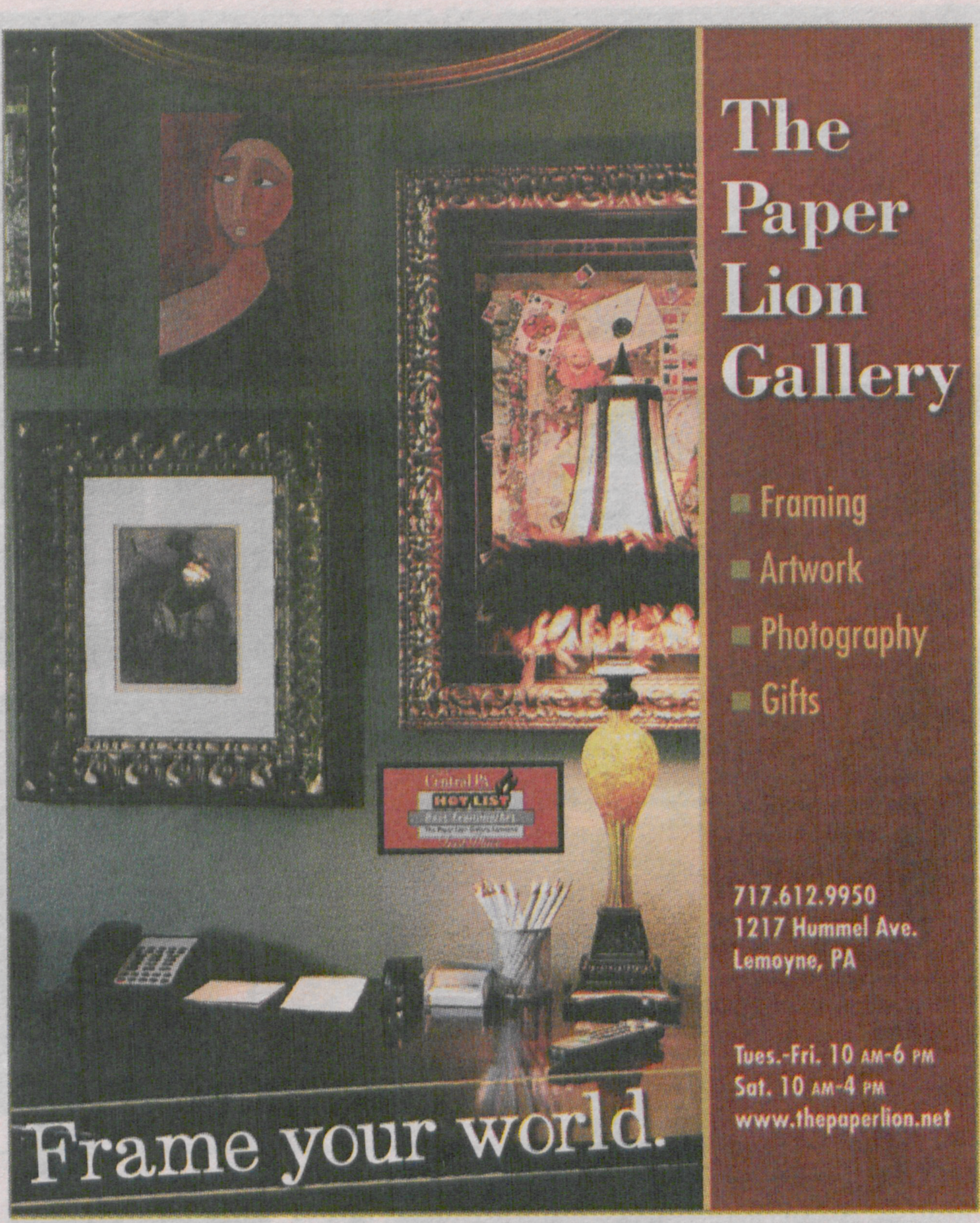
Long's Park, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Route 30/Park City Center exit, Lancaster, PA. Admission $8 online, $10 at multi-day pass $10 online, $12 at show. Children 12 and under free.



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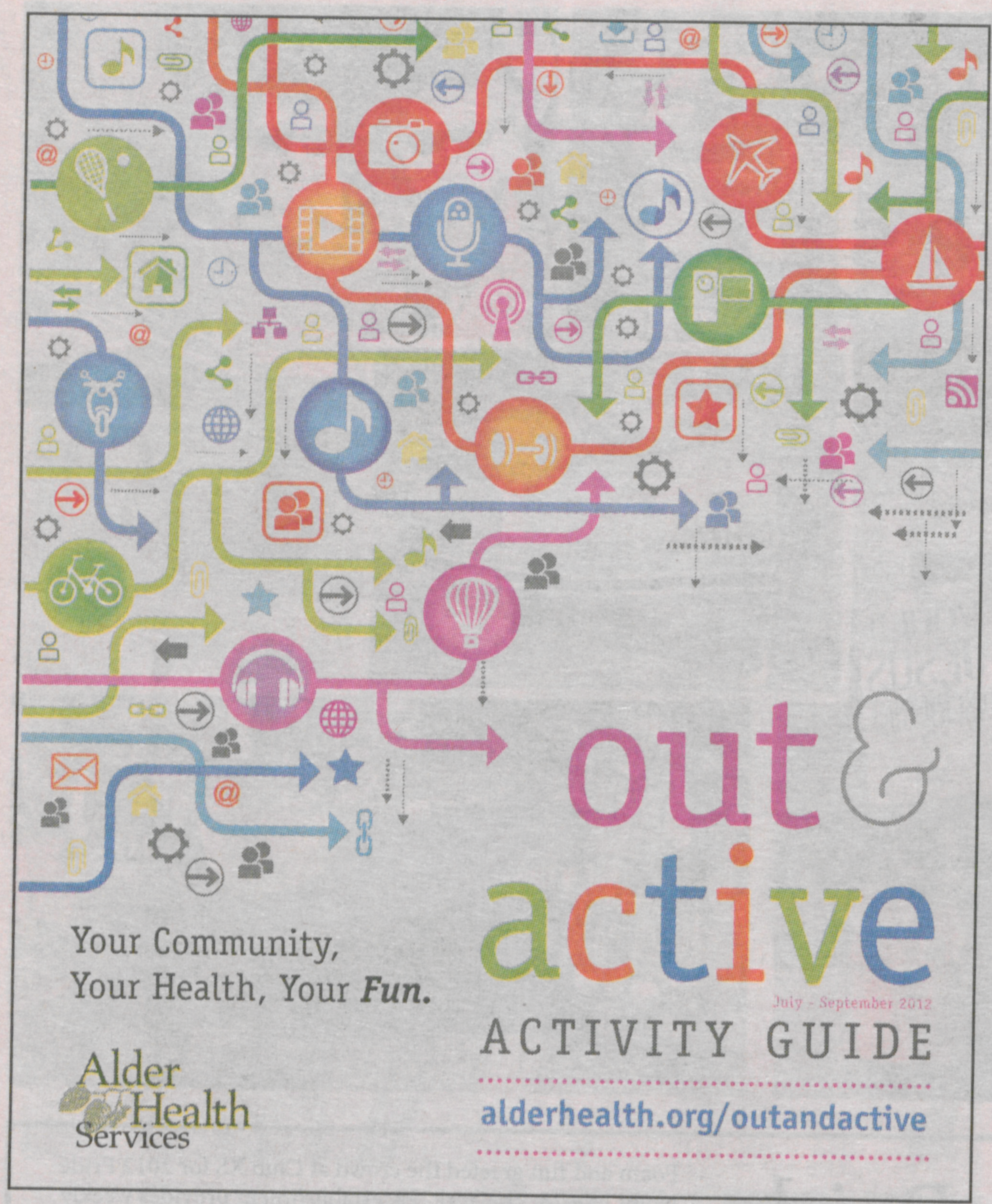
Club XS Gets Wet for Pride

Foam and fun greeted the crowd at Club XS for 2012 Pride Night July 28. The York, Pa. establishment provides weekly entertainment for all ages based on strong party themes and customer service. *Central Voice Photos*



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LBGT Acts Flavor Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe

2012 Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe offers a selection of openly LGBTQ artists and productions exploring gender, sexuality and gay themes.

Show: Bang
Artist: Charlotte Ford
Production explores sexuality and gender roles.
A hilariously bold and dangerously inventive comedic-clown-theater-spectacular, Bang answers the question—under the glow of a pink neon sex show sign—what happens if you get what you want?
Christ Church Neighborhood House
20 North American Street (by 2nd + Market Sts) / Wheelchair Accessible
$28–$35 (students + 25-and-under tickets $18) 75 Minutes
Previews: Sept 4-6 at 8pm
Sept 7 at 8pm
Sept 8 at 3pm + 8pm*
Sept 9 at 6pm
Sept 10-12 at 8pm
Recommended for 16 ages and up. Includes nudity. *Post-show discussion.

Show: UNTITLED FEMINIST SHOW
Artist: Young Jean Lee's Theater Company
Production explores sexuality and gender roles.
In young Jean Lee's latest experiment, six charismatic stars of the downtown theater, dance, cabaret, and burlesque worlds come together to invite the audience on an exhilaratingly irreverent, nearly-wordless celebration of a fluid and limitless sense of identity.
Suzanne Roberts Theater / Philadelphia Theater Company
480 South Broad Street (at Lombard) / Wheelchair Accessible
$28–$35 (students + 25-and-under tickets $18) 75 Minutes
Sept 19 at 9pm
Sept 20 at 9pm*
Sept 21 at 9pm
Recommended for 16 ages and up. Includes nudity. *Post-show discussion.

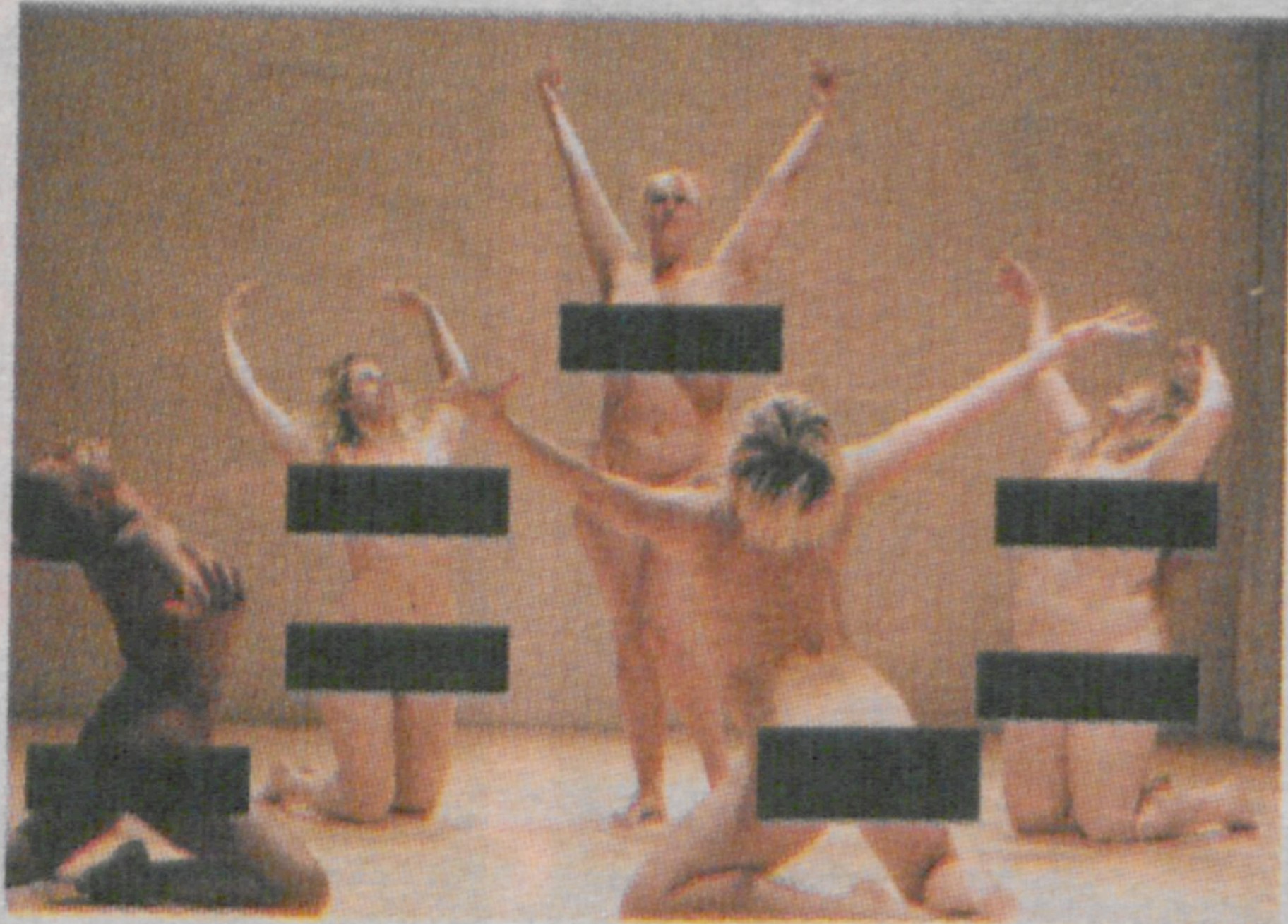
Photo by Blaine Davis
Untitled Feminist Show, Young Jean Lee's Theater Company. Production celebrates a fluid and limitless sense of identity. Credit: David Blaine.

Photo by LBrowningPhotography
Private Places. Pictured: Michele Tantoco and Gregory Holt. Choreographer Jumatatu Poe is an out artist, and the piece incorporates J-Sette, a dance form with its origins in black gay clubs and its roots in the drum lines of historically black southern universities.

Show: Private Places
Artist: idiosynCrazy productions
Production explores sexuality and identity.
Philly-based choreographer Jumatatu Poe debuts this exciting, visceral work that mixes explosiveness and confinement, the effect of exterior on the interior, service and performance, materials and identity.
Live Arts Studio
919 North 5th Street (at Poplar) / Wheelchair accessible / Free onsite parking
$28–$35 (students + 25-and-under tickets $18) 75 Minutes
Sept 15 at 8pm
Sept 16 at 4pm
Sept 18 at 8pm*
Sept 19 at 8pm
Sept 20 at 8pm
Recommended for 16 ages and up. Includes nudity. *Post-show discussion.

Show: The Gate Reopened
Artist: Brian Sanders' JUNK
Choreographer Brian Sanders is an out artist.
One of the most popular Live Arts Festival shows of all time returns—newly built, newly imagined, and completely reopened. The Gate Reopened takes over Pier 9, a municipal warehouse on the Delaware River.
Pier 9
121 North Columbus Boulevard (at Race) / Wheelchair accessible
$28–$35 (students + 25-and-under tickets $18)
50 Minutes
Sept 14 +15 at 10pm
Sept 16 at 8pm
Sept 18-20 at 8pm (*Post show discussion Sept 19)
Sept 21 + 22 at 10pm
Recommended for 15 ages and up. Includes nudity. *Post-show discussion.

Show: Arguendo
Artist: Elevator Repair Service
Production included in panel discussion of body politics in art and culture.

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LBGT Acts

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New York City's much-heralded Elevator repair service turns its unique theatrical perspective on Barnes v. Glen Theatre, a 1991 First Amendment case brought by a group of naked go-go dancers. The justices debate whether erotic dancing is protected speech under the U.S. Constitution.
Arcadia Stage at the
Arden Theatre Company
40 North 2nd Street /
Wheelchair accessible
An excerpt from a new work-in-progress. $18/ 40 minutes.
Sept 16 at 1pm
$28–$35 (students + 25-and-under tickets $18) 75 Minutes
Recommended for 14 ages and up.

Philly Fringe
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Naked Feet Productions
A hilarious adaptation of Aristophanes's classic battle of the sexes. The women of Greece withhold sex from their men until they agree to stop warring! A timeless statement about men, women, war and love! Adapted by Robert Zaller, directed by Hannah Tsapatoris MacLeod, and starring Lili Bita. $15 / 45 minutes
The Rotunda
4014 Walnut St / Wheelchair accessible
Sept 20–22 at 8pm

Raw Stitch
Jacqueline Goldfinger
A pub play for the enthusiastically inebriated and sexually active. nine spanking new monologues including "Miss Coitus Interruptus," "Double slut gene," and "Hector Has Herpes (a sing-A-Long stD PsA)." A PBR, condoms, and dental dams included with the price of admission. More info: www.rawstitch.com. $12 / 60 minutes
Quig's Pub at Plays & Players Theatre
1714 Delancey Place, 3rd Floor
Sept 8, 14, 15, 20 + 22 at 7pm

Stop Kiss
Kristin Heckler
Two young women fall unexpectedly in love. On the night of their first, tentative kiss, they are brutally attacked. With scenes alternating before and after the assault, this beautiful piece will make you laugh, cry, sigh, and cheer, while examining if progress has been made since its 1998 debut. $15 / 90 minutes
The Arts Garage
1533–35 Ridge Avenue
Sept 7 + 8 at 7pm
Sept 9 at 2pm
Sept 10, 13 + 14 at 7pm

Brat RockPile: Popsicle's Departure, 1989 & Eternal Glamnation
Brat Productions
A double feature of rock n' roll theater: Popsicle's Departure, 1989: Madi Distefano remounts her international award-winning solo tour- de-force and former Live Art Festival show about the end of the punk rock scene in Boston. Eternal Glamnation: a nuclear glam-rock fantasia spectacle cabaret about finding your true self underneath the glittery shadow. Conceived by and featuring All-star Brat Jess Conda, this show sold out last spring as part of her roCK AnD AWE series. Caution: these shows Feature sex, Drugs, Flesh, strobe Lights, Loud rock, Profanity, and Alien Abductions. $12–$20 / 120 minutes
Underground Arts
1200 Callowhill Street
Sept 7, 8, 12 + 13 at 8pm + 9:30pm
Sept 14 at 9:30pm
Sept 15, 17, 19–22, 25 + 26 at 8pm + 9:30pm

RUB
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Get hot, heavy, and hard for art. Performance erotica glazed with grunge, booze, and cigarette butts. Sit back and indulge while "experienced" rule breakers steam up the windows and tear down your morals. Be prepared. $20 / 60 minutes
The Dolphin Tavern
1539 South Broad Street
Sept 7 at 10pm
Sept 8, 9 + 13–15 at midnight
Sept 16 + 20 at 10pm
Sept 21 + 22 at midnight

York events

FREE - Annual Southern York County BBQ Cook-Off
The Best of the Best Barbecue Teams, both locally and different states compete in categories of Chicken, Pork, Pork Ribs, Beef Brisket and Sausage. Sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society.
Sept. 7, 4-9 p.m.
The Markets at Shrewsbury
12025 Susquehanna Trail, Glen Rock, PA 17327
www.MarketsatShrewsbury.com
Alicia Herbst 717-235-6611 ext. 100

First Fridays - FREE
Downtown York, 5-9 p.m.
www.downtownyorkpa.com
Amanda Meyers 717-849-2331

Lancaster events

100 Years of Chevrolet
Through Oct. 14, the AACA Museum is going to bring back the memories with our 100 Years of Chevrolet Exhibit opening June 15th. More than 30 great cars, automobilia and fine art will tell the Chevrolet story from the past 100 years and impress both car enthusiasts and followers of the Bow Tie Brand alike. Contact 717-566-7100; AACA Museum, 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033.

2012 Brown Bag Musical Variety Series
Free - Live music performances that showcase the Greater Lancaster Federation of Musicians will enhance the atmosphere of downtown during Friday lunch hours. Genres to be performed range from classical to jazz and pop. Concerts are from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact: 717-285-3564. Fulton Bank Quadrant, downtown Lancaster.

Harrisburg Gallery Walk Set for Sept.

Nineteen exhibition sites welcome visitors during the free walking and driving tour of the 24th Annual Harrisburg Gallery Walk Sun., Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The suggested route for the walk is as follows: Start off at The Art Association of Harrisburg to enjoy the Fall Membership Exhibition "Out of the Blue," with music all afternoon by the Melina Blackwell Duo. Then stroll south on Front Street to the John Harris/Simon Cameron Mansion for demonstrations of historic crafts and mansion tours. Next stop should be the lobby of Penn National Insurance, 2 North Second Street, an AAH Community Exhibition Site where John Davis will be the featured artist. Whitaker Centre, 222 Market Street, will display art by Tara Chickey, and then Capital Area School for the Arts in Strawberry Square is next on the route.

The Gallery at Walnut Place, 413 Walnut Street, always has surprises to delight the senses, and this year's artist is found-object- sculptor Jeff George. Then onto Gallery@Second, 608 North Second Street where the featured artists are Daniel Popp and Mark Topp. Pine Street Presbyterian Church at 310 North Third Street, Mangia Qui & Suba, 272 North Street, and The State Museum of Pennsylvania are next, where Susquehanna Art Museum and Doshi Gallery will present exhibitions are next. Then onto Historic Harrisburg Resource Centre at 1230 North Third Street, where Martin Valez and Tande Suveepattananont will exhibit their work. Midtown Scholar Bookstore's Yellow Wall Hall Gallery, 1302 North Third Street, is next on the route. New this year is the coffee roasters Little Amps, 1836 Green Street. (Hodgepodgery , unfortunately, has closed and will not be on Gallery Walk as listed.)

Also new this year is the Fenetre Gallery of HACC Midtown II, located at 1500 North Third Street, where Grace Sachi's and Robert Tyakazu Troxel's paintings and prints will be on view in a show called "Bindings. " Also new this year is North Gallery at 1633 North Third Street, the contemporary gallery opened in June by Andrew Guth, former co-owner of Mantis. The Governor's Residence at 2035 North Front Street is a must-see on the tour with paintings by Violet Oakley, muralist for the State Capitol, and plein air painters in the garden. At Mitrani at Home, 3535 Walnut Street, which one must drive to, an artful menagerie of animals will be on view, by local, national and international artists.

Harrisburg Bike Taxis will be available to provide transportation for Gallery Walkers by calling 461-2201, or at harrisburgbiketaxi@gmail.com. Although many of the galleries will be presenting their own live music, "No Last Call, "Harrisburg's only hit-and-run street band, will be roaming throughout the route providing lively music all afternoon!

Gallery Walk is a project founded and managed by The Art Association of Harrisburg. It is supported by the participating galleries and sponsors The Patriot News, WXPN and WHTM-TV27. Visit www.artassocofhbg.com or call 717-236-1432 for more information. Maps will be available at all participating galleries.

Aging with Pride Panel

Capital Region Stonewall Democrats hosted "Aging with Pride – Empowering LGBT Adults to Meet Their Health and Aging Needs" as part of their Educational Issues Forum held annually in conjunction with Central PA Pride Festival. From left: host Kevin Hancock, former chief of staff, Dept. of Aging; Eileen Carson, PA Assoc. of Area Agencies on Aging; Phil Goropoulos, President/CEO, Alder Health Services, offering primary health care services to the region's lgbt population in Harrisburg and Lancaster; Paul McCarty, Intra-Governmental Council on Long Term Care; Attorney Suzanne Friday, Nauman, Smith, Shissler and Hall; Brasdley Newman, Roof Advisory Group; Louie Marven, LGBT Community Center.

Game Changers

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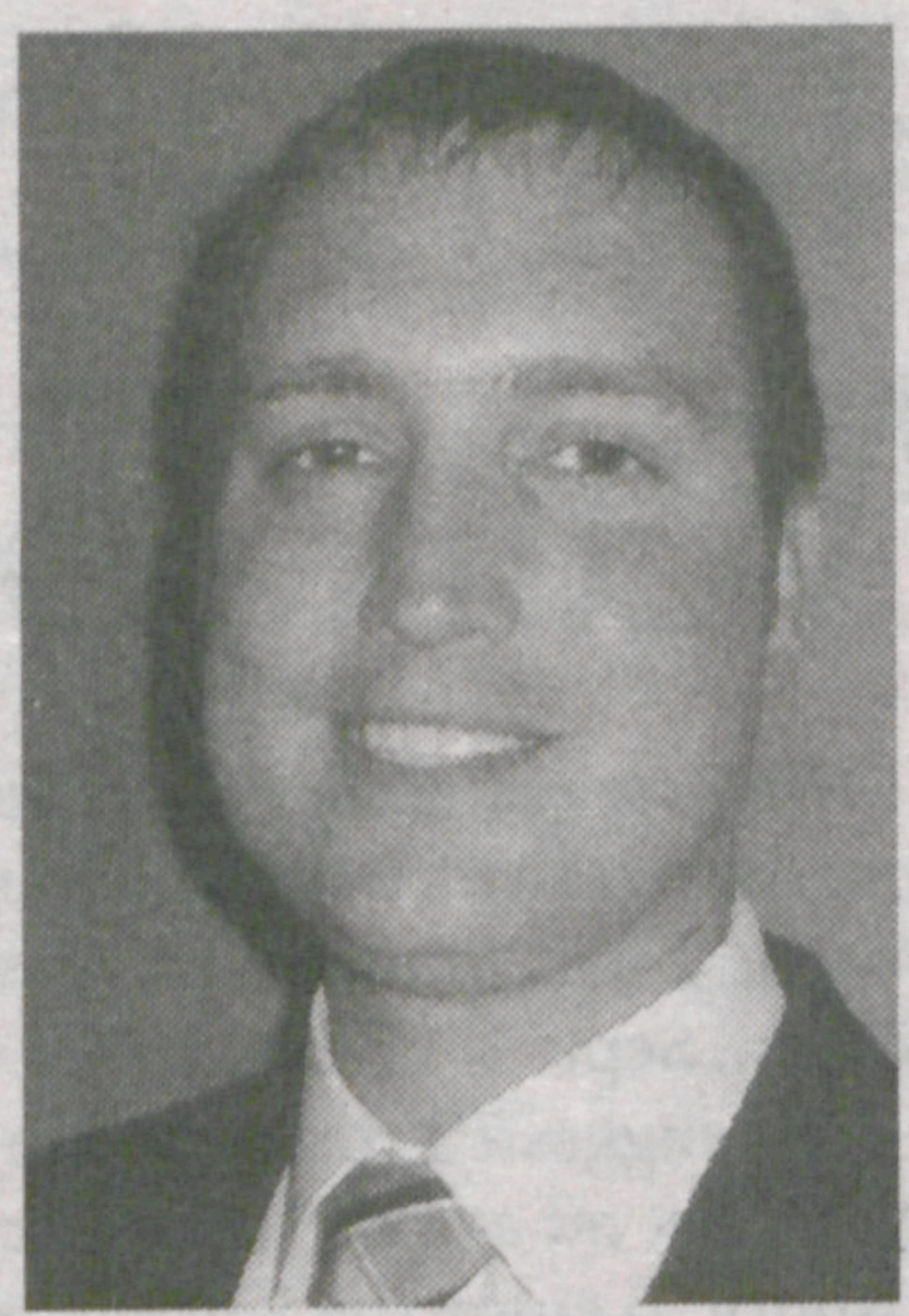

Chris Dietz

Kelly McEntee

Patty Kim

Rob Teplitz

McEntee, and Brian Sims, who chose not to participate. Also running for the state House is Patty Kim. Rob Teplitz seeks a seat in the state Senate.

Central Voice asked these candidates about issues one pollster calls bedrock issues not dependent on voter characteristics like sexuality. One reader reminded us he remembers gay friends voting for Ronald Reagan twice "and proud to tell so."

Spending priorities

Seeking a seat in the 103rd House District, Patty Kim favors directing public funds "to those things that benefit our society as a whole," including infrastructure, public safety and environmental protections for clean air and water.

However, Kim notes imbalances that smart government investment can help redress.

"I am now witnessing elimination of every specific thing we know works when applied to struggling school districts: robust pre-k programs, full-day kindergarten, alternative schools, smaller class sizes and teachers aids," Kim points out.

Dietz aspires to pass a balanced budget that emphasizes public education. He's interested in funding transportation and infrastructure "to fix our ailing roads and bridges" and "create construction jobs." To finance these goals, Dietz calls for "a smokeless tobacco and cigar tax" and an increase the "impact fee" for non-traditional natural gas extraction known as fracking to helping benefit manufacturing.

McEntee favors making lawmaker compensation "commensurate with professionals carrying similar" jobs and that they pay portions of health insurance and benefit premiums and forego car leases and per diems.

Kelly McEntee, seeking a seat in the 105th House District, says spending priorities "must protect and solidify our communities." She believes "spending that will help keep the middle class afloat" is important as well as "job training and retraining to ease severe underemployment and continuing unemployment."

Rob Teplitz, running for the Senate's 15th District seat, says he has spent his career promoting fiscal responsibility in government and exposing the waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds. "We must invest in public education, college affordability, job training, and rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges," he says.

Legislator benefits

With state legislators, state employees, and other public employee union members receiving better wage and benefit packages than their private sector counterparts who generate tax revenues paying for what many call "bloated" compensation, the pay issue is hot.

Kim's solution is simple. For her a legislator is a state employee "and should therefore receive the same benefits as any state employee," she says, including "no car lease, no special health care or pension" with salary linked to the state's salary structure. If there's no raise for other state employees then "neither should the legislator" receive a raise, now given automatically with no action required by the legislature and passed in the dark of night under then-Gov Tom Ridge in return for the legislature's unkept pledge to support school vouchers.

Dietz takes a hard line too. He wants to "repeal the Legislature's automatic annual raise," saying that money could be used to keep schools open." He does not think a legislator's job "should come with a car" and that lawmakers "should have to pay the same amount toward their health insurance and pensions as other state employees."

McEntee favors making lawmaker compensation "commensurate with professionals carrying similar" jobs and that they pay portions of health insurance and benefit premiums and forego car leases and per diems.

Teplitz says, "Compensation and benefits provided to all state-elected officials should be reviewed and determined with public input and oversight, as in other states." He would "fight for a state constitutional convention to address this and other critical issues regarding the structure and inner workings of state government."

Term limits

Kim favors term limits "to ensure fresh perspectives and impede petty fiefdoms."

She does point out that terms "should be long enough to allow expertise around issues to develop into meaningful change" and thinks about 10 to 12 years is a reasonable.

Dietz favors term limits of 12 years each for House and Senate seats for a possible total of 24 years. He does not believe the state's "founding fathers intended these positions to be held for life." He notes term limits decrease pension costs and would flatten the legislature's power structures.

McEntee favors term limits saying that "special interest money" flowing into politics "corrupts over time." Nixing arguments that long-time legislators understand issues, she says "no one in any job is indispensable." She'd like to see a total of 12 years in the Senate (three terms) eight to 12 years in the House (four to six terms).

Teplitz favors a state constitutional convention with public input on reforming state government, including term limits. "I would support the outcome of that process."

Smaller legislature

Dietz is "open to discussing" but worries that "some of the more rural districts would become too large for one person to adequately represent." On savings, "I am not convinced of this," he says. Although reductions may mean fewer elected officials, larger districts may lead to "the same number of district offices" to provide constituent access, making for the same number of staff.

Similarly, Kim's idea calls for reducing overall costs and would support a reduction "if it had cost reduction built in." If a reduction eliminates "elected officials but increases the number staff members to accommodate larger district sizes" she doesn't think the effort is worth it.

McEntee does not favor a smaller legislature, citing the state's diversity former US Sen. Arlen Specter once described as campaigning in six different countries. McEntee supports limiting the cost of running legislative offices through clear guidelines allowing for reasonable staff compliments and operational costs that acknowledge costs differ around a state as large as Pennsylvania.

Teplitz will "fight to reduce the country's largest full-time legislature to a size that allows it to serve constituents effectively in a cost-effective manner without being dependent on a permanent staff bureaucracy."

Caucuses

House and Senate Caucuses are political machines run by majority and minority political parties and financed with taxpayer money. We asked candidates about reforming this use of public money. One suggestion is to move overtly political caucus functions to the statewide political parties, having them use their money, not taxpayer funds.

"I think caucus communications activities could be handled by the statewide political parties since those are essentially marketing political viewpoints," although Kim isn't sure about having every function performed by political parties. "I would still like to believe legislative caucuses could have the capacity to behave independently from their statewide political party from time to time."

"We must invest in public education, college affordability, job training, and rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges"
Rob Teplitz

Dietz says "This would not be a good idea…caucus staffers would be much more political if they were paid through their party. This would create gridlock."

McEntee ends up somewhere in the middle of Kim and Dietz. "Caucuses can serve a valuable purpose by bringing legislators of both parties together" for common goals, adding "limits need to be put in place" on costs.

Teplitz said "legislative caucuses must ensure a complete separation of their legitimate public service functions from their political functions; the former should be in the Capitol, while the latter should not."

Legislative audit

The state legislature has had in its coffers upwards of $300 million, now down to about $180 million, all off the books not subject to public scrutiny. Observers criticize this fund as an unaudited use of taxpayer money benefiting incumbents and paying for purely political activity not directly related to legislative functions, except if you defined those functions as staying in office or raising and/or dispensing funds for new candidates.

We asked candidates if they support a transparent audit of the legislature's operating funds.

Teplitz says he is "the only candidate who has called for changing state law in order to subject the legislature and its multimillion dollar slush fund to independent audits." Having worked the Auditor General, "I know that such an audit will expose and deter waste, fraud, and abuse of such funds" and "will fight to change state law to require" audits.

Kim said "Absolutely."

Dietz answered "Yes," saying "Transparency is very important to me."

"I absolutely support a transparent audit of the General Assembly's operating funds, made available to the public," McEntee said.

If elected, their decisions will reveal how these candidates will spend public funds.

Consistent lobbying changes the political climate

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decision.

On another front often overlooked and misunderstood, consistent lobbying changes the political climate.

Although the gay community has allies who circle wagons when issues threaten across constituencies, the only regular lgbt lobbying voice in the state Capital is Equality Pennsylvania, according to Ted Martin, EPA executive director.

"Equality PA is the only Harrisburg-based lgbt organization with the mission to work with the state legislature. Most times, Martin says, he is "the only person in any meeting talking about lgbt people and the issues that matter most to us."

For example, EPA's efforts have lead to the formation of a first-ever LGBT Equality Caucus, explains Martin, although not a single Republican is among their ranks.

Adding to the organization's clout is Martin's recent election to the board of directors of both the Equality Federation and the Equality Federation Institute. Both boards provide support for independent state lgbt advocacy organizations and the institute is the only national organization dedicated solely to winning gay equality at the state level. The federation is comprised of 48 organizations in 40 states.

> *"We need to look at the big picture and stay focused..."*
>
> *-Benson*

Participation in party politics is another game changer.

Chris Benson, Williamsport, is an appointed at-large alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention. At 18, he was elected a township auditor.

"As a movement we've taken most actions we historically can to pave the way for marriage equality," Benson says. He makes a call for "uniformity within states, communities, advocacy organizations, government" and the lgbt movement in order to end this debate well before the decade ends. "Historically and constitutionally speaking, it is inevitable." Reports indicate that marriage equality will be part of the Democratic Party platform in 2012.

Not all lgbt people care about getting married. Instead, they call for a focus on basic civil rights that involve employment and public accommodations. Benson says "We need to look at the big picture and stay focused on some kind of master strategy instead of our own individual ones." Movements, he observes, by their very nature "are a sequence of events, some being more messy than others."

Harrisburg Shakespeare Company presents Poe's Much of Madness

Harrisburg Shakespeare Company presents "Poe: Much of Madness Oct. 5 – 7, 7:30 p.m. Performances will be held at Gamut Classic Theatre on the Third Floor of Strawberry Square, Downtown Harrisburg.

Experience the intensity, terror, and excitement of some of Edgar Allan Poe's most treasured works, including The Raven, The Cask of Amontillado, Annabel Lee, The Masque of the Red Death, and The Tell-tale Heart! Five actors use music and movement to bring these and other tales to life on stage in this haunting and memorable original-text adaptation of the original Master of Horror's most celebrated stories and poems!

David Ramón Zayas, Director, shares why he chose to showcase the works of Edgar Allen Poe at Gamut. "I've had a long-lasting love of Poe's work. His stories and poems have been closely tied to my entire performance career. I have a sheer love of the material and a need to share that love and hopefully pass it on to others."

The pieces being highlighted in the show take place in many varied places and different times, and there is no specific location or period. The powerful moods, timeless themes, and incredible imagery in Poe's works will be the focus. This will be done by using minimal props and by having actors use their bodies to actually create the scenery around the other characters. One of the most distinguishing aspects of the concept for this show, however, is probably the manuscripts. While it is a memorized performance, the actors use bound black books to help tell these stories. These books, like the actors themselves, double as parts of the world the characters find themselves in. At times, a book might be a mask, at others, a bottle of wine, it might also help create the sounds of the story. The books almost become as important an aspect of the performance as the actors themselves, as they also serve as a constant reminder that every word spoken in the show was first written, as a story or a poem, by Edgar Allan Poe. They help give the audience and the actors a constant connection to the text.

Gamut Theatre Group is led by Artistic Director Clark Nicholson and Executive Director Melissa Nicholson.

Health Care Reform

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spends $7,538 a year on each American. That's at least $2,535 more or 51% higher than Norway, the next largest per capita spender.

The rate of growth in US health care spending goes up faster than any other industrialized nation. Health care now accounts for 17.6% of Gross Domestic Product, expected to rise to 25% without a shift to health promotion and disease prevention rather than payment for procedures resulting from illness.

The cost reduction/health promotion model Dean describes rests on a radical shift in perspective.

"The trend you'll see is payment for patients, not payment for procedures," Dean explains. This means medical providers will be paid a set amount for a patient and then be expected to front-load wellness promotion in order to avoid illness.

He's describing what others call the health care system's strong "disincentive" in that payments are made for elaborate interventions with, for example, diabetes and heart disease, rather than routine ways to reduce the occurrence of such life-long medical conditions that are expensive over a patient's lifetime, not to mention effects on patients' quality of life.

The new incentive is that doctors and health care systems promote wellness for a fixed per-patient rate – called a capitated rate – and then keep dollars not spent on treating illness. In other words, payment systems will reflect the value of keeping people well rather than how much doctors and hospitals get paid to care for patients who become sick.

"Most hospitals and insurance companies think they understand wellness but they don't. It's all blather," Dean says unequivocally.

Medical literature also portrays another shift easy to describe but difficult to achieve: doctors who treat the same patient must simply "talk" to each other. They must vertically integrate communication. In an aging population, a patient's cardiologist may not speak with his orthopedic surgeon or oncologist. Meanwhile, chances are each doctor may be ordering expensive and duplicate tests eliminated by simply talking.

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President Lyndon Johnson's architect for pushing through Congress Medicare and Medicaid was Wilbur Cohen who warned about the "unintended consequences" of public policy. In the short run, Dean expects that small business will dump health care coverage as an unintended consequence of President Obama's Affordable Healthcare Act.

"Small business will pay the fine, maybe give employees some money to cover them buying into a state exchange," he predicts. A state exchange is an information exchange whereby individuals and businesses can research what products at what prices exist as options to employer-based coverage. "I don't think it's good public policy to separate health care coverage from our traditional employer-based system, but that looks like the future under AHA," Dean laments.

Surprising to some observers, Dean opposed the controversial "individual mandate" that the US Supreme Court ruled is a tax and therefore allowable under the US Constitution. Contrary to political ads from all precincts of the political debate, the mandate is a cornerstone of presidential candidate Mitt Romney's health care reform plan passed while he was governor of Massachusetts and President Obama's Affordable Healthcare Act.

"The mandate only served to anger lots of people and it's really, if you study Obama's reforms, a negligible piece" of the picture. As passed, the mandate isn't fiscally practical Dean says. "For example, one must buy in or pay a tax, and given there's no 'community rating' that balances out what it costs across a large number of people a person with a pre-existing condition can be charged up to 300% of market rates," he explains. "You need controls or the formula falls apart."

Ahead 10 years, Dean sees our soon-to-be evolved health care system evolving into a single payer system.

"There's no sense taking apart what was just passed by Congress," he says. "Let's make the best of it work." Dean expects that once all the loose parts are shaken loose from President Obama's Affordable Healthcare Act, the country and congress may be ready to revisit health care reform.

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Harrisburg Region Young Adult Population Grows

Since 2000, the number of people between the ages of 18 and 34 in the Harrisburg area grew by 7.2%, according to data presented by CREDC, Capital Region Economic Development Corp. This rate of growth is higher than the state average growth rate for this age group which was 4.76%. Within the region, the areas that saw the fastest growth were areas in the immediate vicinity of Harrisburg as well as the greater Shippensburg area. From 2000 to 2010 the number of adults 18 to 34 grew by 9.06% in the City of Harrisburg, while the overall city grew by 0.87%. In 2010, 27% of all city residents were in this age group which is up from 25% in 2000. Overall, the region, says CREDC, is seeing a higher growth rate in the young adult segment of our population compared to the rest of the state.

Peter Sirotin Acting HSO Concertmaster

The Harrisburg Symphony has announced that violinist Peter Sirotin will assume the position of Acting Concertmaster, replacing long-serving Concertmaster Odin Rathnam, who retired from the orchestra in May. He will be sitting in the Concertmaster Chair when the orchestra performs its annual series of summer concerts June 29 thru July 4 and will continue as Acting Concertmaster throughout the orchestra's 2012-13 season. Mr. Sirotin joined the Harrisburg Symphony as the orchestra's Associate Concertmaster in 1996.

"In addition to being an artistically rewarding experience, my 16 years with the HSO have enriched my life with many great friendships both in the orchestra and in the Harrisburg community," Sirotin said. "I am really looking forward to continuing to make music in this new capacity with my wonderful colleagues, and, of course, with Stuart, who happens to be one of the rare conductors, both respected and genuinely liked by musicians."

Maestro Malina commented on the appointment: "Peter brings all the attributes that you want in the concertmaster position. He is not only a great violinist who is comfortable with the wide range of styles that we perform in any given season, he is also an effective leader who has the respect of every player in the orchestra. I look forward to working with him."

Peter Sirotin is well known in musical circles in Central Pennsylvania, both as a performing musician and also as the Artistic Director of Market Square Concerts, the well-respected Harrisburg-based presenter of chamber music. A native of Ukraine, he studied at the Moscow Conservatory and the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he received graduate diplomas in both violin performance and chamber music. After graduating with honors from Moscow's Central Music School Mr. Sirotin became the youngest member of the "Moscow Soloists" chamber ensemble. With this group he toured extensively, performing in the major music centers such as Royal Albert Hall in London, Pleyel Hall in Paris, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and Beethoven Hall in Bonn, among others. His teachers included Earl Carlyss, Victor Danchenko, Berl Senofsky and Adolf Leschinsky.

Peter Sirotin

An active educator, Mr. Sirotin is currently artist-in-residence at Messiah College, where in 2006 he co-founded Chamber Music Grantham, a summer chamber music and composition program for young musicians. He has given master classes in the US and abroad and has served as an adjudicator in several competitions.

In 1997 Mr. Sirotin founded with his wife, pianist Ya-Ting Chang, the Mendelssohn Piano Trio. The Trio performs regularly in the Harrisburg area and is currently in the process of recording the complete Haydn piano trios for Centaur Records. Mr. Sirotin has collaborated in performance with pianists Ann Schein, Igor Zhukov, Alexei Lubimov, violinist Earl Carlyss (former Julliard String Quartet member), cellist Natalia Gutman, flutist Claudio Arrimani and other great performers. His performances have been described by critics as "stylistically refined" and "electrifying".

The Harrisburg Symphony will begin a process of auditioning for a permanent concertmaster in the spring of 2013.

Open Stage Offers Season 27 in October with LGBT Nights Out

"We are touting that Season 27 Subscription Series will open your mind," says Executive Artistic Director Donald Alsedek.

The season includes a subscription on a series of Thursday performances for the LGBT community and allies to have a night out at the theatre. "Series G" or OUT@ OPEN STAGE subscriptions are available for $90.

"Our 2012-2013 season is sure to bring something for everyone, but each piece makes you think." The season kicks off in October with Peter Morgan's Frost/Nixon, apropos for this election year. The season continues with a new holiday offering great for the whole family, Truman Capote's A Christmas Story, a world premiere adapted for Open Stage by Harrisburg's own Jim Woland. Next is Joe Turner's Come and Gone, the 1910's installment of August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle of plays that chronicles the black experience in America.

Closing the season is Sarah Ruhl's sweet and sexy comedy, In the Next Room or the vibrator play, which is sure to tantalize the patrons of the intimate playhouse on the street leveled of the Walnut Street Garage.

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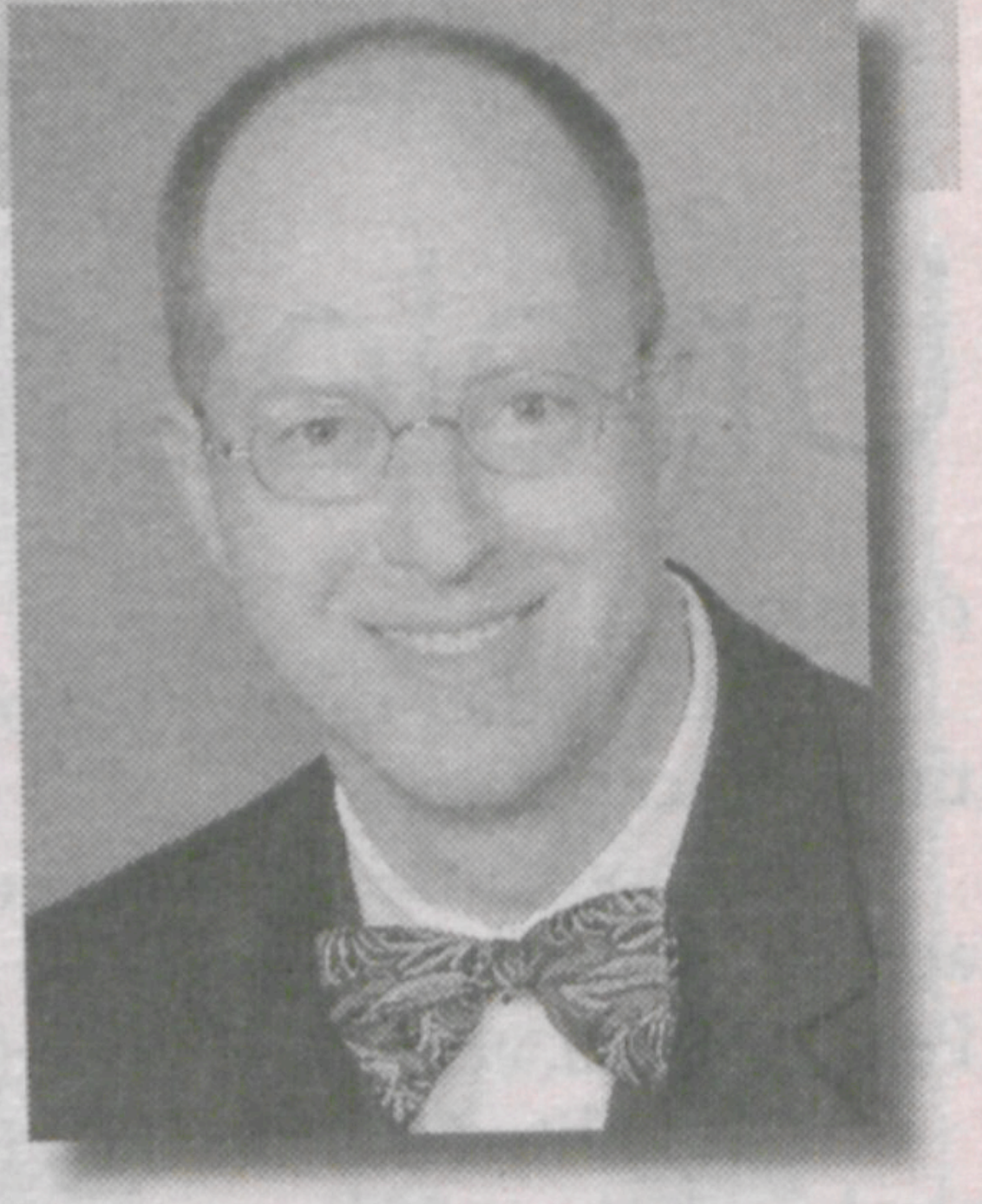
legal column

By Leo L. Dunn, Attorney at Law



Housing Discrimination and Equality in Pennsylvania

For a while back in 2008 Pennsylvania had an anti-discrimination statute that guaranteed equal access to housing as well as non-discrimination in employment and other matters. It was short lived due to a technicality called the 'single subject rule' and was deemed unconstitutional. Unfortunately, it has not passed both chambers since then. Thus, private and public landlords may discriminate against same-sex couples, families and individuals as well as people they perceive to be lgbt unless the residence is in one of the few municipalities which have their own anti-discrimination ordinance.

Ironically, the bright spot of equality in the housing market is housing supported by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. On March 5, 2012, HUD issued a new rule that guarantees equal access to housing in programs supported by HUD regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The rule change itself (in bold) was very simple:

"Family includes, but is not limited to, the following, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status:

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Gender identity means actual or perceived gender-related characteristics.

Sexual orientation means homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality."

What this means is that any program receiving HUD funds cannot discriminate against lgbt individuals. This goes way beyond just Section 8 and public housing projects. It includes all FHA mortgages and guarantees, Community Development Block Grant projects, Supportive Housing for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, and any new or specialized programs HUD funds.

Questions may be e-mailed to LGBTfairhousing@hud.gov. Amazing! Doing the right thing and answering questions. Maybe Washington can make some progress.

Leo Dunn is an attorney and counselor-at-law practicing in Harrisburg area with a focus on the estate planning needs of the GLBT community. He may be reached at leo@leodunnlaw.com or 717-503-1207.

Local LGBT Chamber Honored by National Chamber

On August 8 in Chicago the Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce was honored for excellence in communications at the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Certify Your Success National Business & Leadership Conference.

The national award for "The Power of Membership" video reflects an effort launched at the local chamber's 2012 annual dinner held in January. The video currently resides on the organization's web site. The national chamber recognized the Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce for developing an outstanding media campaign.

"This video showcases the value of partnering with the local lgbt chamber, the quality of our members and the talent of our allied member, Derek Lau of AideM Media, who produced this video for us," said Debra McClain, the local chamber's president and CEO.

"In addition to raising awareness of our diversified member base, the video validates the importance of belonging," McClain said. The local chamber saw a surge in membership upon the video's release and continues other collaborative efforts.

Sam McClure, of the national chamber, said, "Affiliate chambers like the south central Pennsylvania chamber are leveraging every possible opportunity for businesses to grow and become strong engines that will drive their local economies. These affiliate leaders are the backbone of the lgbt business movement."

The local lgbt chamber serves a seven-county area in the region and currently has 179 members.

“Out of the Blue” Premiers on Gallery Walk Day

The Art Association of Harrisburg, 21 North Front Street, will premier the Fall Membership Exhibition “Out of the Blue” on Gallery Walk day, Sunday, September 9, with a reception from 11 AM through 6 PM. An awards ceremony will take place at noon, and The Melina Blackwell Acoustic Duo will provide music all afternoon.

The Fall Membership Exhibition is sponsored by AAH Board Members Carole Forker-Gibbons, Kathy Marley-Dunbar and David W. Volkman. Board Member Ade Bakare is the reception host for the day.

The exhibition was open to all AAH members, with all media eligible for entry and “Out of the Blue” as the artwork theme.

Lenore Penfield, Gallery Director of The Gallery at Penn College, Williamsport, is the prize juror for the exhibition. Ms. Penfield has been the Managing Director of The Gallery at Penn College since its 2006 inception on the campus of Pennsylvania College of Technology. The Gallery, which hosts 8 to 10 exhibitions annually, is dedicated to promoting art appreciation and understanding through exhibitions of traditional and contemporary art in a variety of media. Additionally, Ms. Penfield serves as the Director of Special Events for the College, where she has worked since 1984. She holds her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business management from Lock Haven University, and has also studied interior design, owning her own business Interior Transformations, Williamsport.

Prize donors for “Out of the Blue” are: The Edward C. Michener Family – Best of Show; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Meloni – Sculpture & Ceramics; Karen & Lyle Shughart – Other Media; Hempt Bros., Inc. – Pastels & Drawings; Robert Fuller – Impressionism and Realism; Hershey Resorts & Commercial Group – Watercolours; Carlo DiTono, Architect – Photography; and Cumberland Financial Group – Oils & Acrylics.

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Alder Health Opens 2nd LGBT Primary Care Practice

With more than 100 guests on hand, July 19 marked the opening of an lgbt primary care practice by Alder Health Services in Lancaster. The medical practice joins the organization’s Harrisburg primary care practice which opened July 2011 and also focuses on underserved groups the lgbt, mental health and drug and alcohol communities. Lancaster Chamber of Commerce representative Cheryl Irwin-Bass helped cut the ribbon with Alder Health staff and board members assisting. “You’re bringing a unique and needed service to Lancaster County as you address the health and wellness needs of individuals who have often felt underserved or marginalized,” Irwin-Bass said. Representatives of the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce of Central Pennsylvania also attended.

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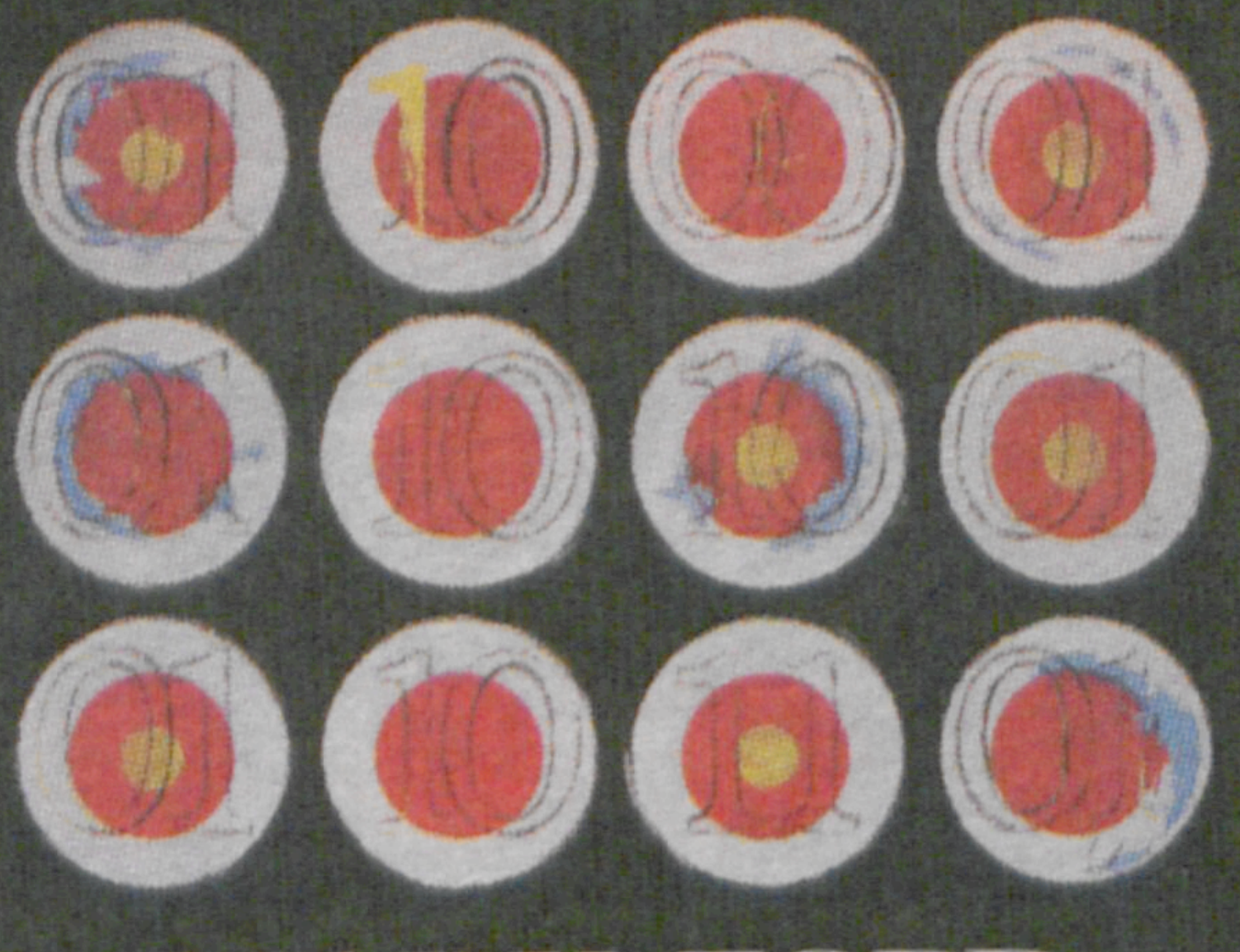

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> *What really caught my attention was how much homophobes use the excuse of protecting the family and children to justify behavior that is actually harmful to families and children.*

A Lesson in Fairness

A gay high school coach shows that equality is a family value after being fired for being gay.

Last week I had the privilege of interviewing Mitch and Devynn Stein, father and daughter, on L.A.'s IMRU radio. Devynn is 15 years old and has a new baby sister, Tuolomne, who Mitch and his partner, Hugo, adopted this year. They are the very reason why same-sex marriage and equal rights matter.

Several months ago, Mitch was fired from his position as assistant water polo coach at Charter Oak High School in Covina, California, for being gay. The principal would disagree with that assertion - she'd say that he was fired for inappropriate conduct for a teacher. It just so happens that the only thing notable about the conduct in question is that it looks kinda gay. Not kinky, not obscene, merely gay.

By all accounts, even the principal's (who fired him), Mitch is a great coach. He raised more money for the school than anyone. He led the junior varsity boys team in an undefeated season. He got the pool deck renovated through volunteer support and in-kind donations. He says that it was all to give back to the same team that taught him to believe in himself as a teen and never give up. Despite his firing, he still raises money for the water polo boosters. Devynn is even on the girls' team.

In a state that guarantees equal rights to LGBT people in the workplace, you might wonder how flamboyantly, outrageously gay must Mitch have been to get himself fired.

He posted a picture of himself on Facebook, dressed but wearing a bit of eyeliner, with a group of lovely drag queens. Oh, and there was also a picture of him eating a hot dog on a stick. The press said it was a corn dog, but Mitch was quick to defend himself: "I don't eat carbs."

Charter Oak has no policy on teachers' use of social media, and the pictures were actually posted several years ago. They came to light when a disgruntled parent, likely upset about disciplinary action taken against his son, delivered them anonymously. Mitch was fired almost immediately, after no investigation. He was told that coaches are held to a higher standard of behavior, and that was reason enough. It was about the kids; it had nothing to do with sexual orientation.

Mitch sees it differently. "The only thing that these pictures truly show is that I'm gay," he told me, a point he expressed repeatedly to the principal and school board. But their conversations went nowhere, and the school has restated its position since: the pictures were inappropriate and Mitch wasn't fired for being gay. A court will soon determine who is right, but I'm betting on Mitch, who who'd rather have his low-paying job back than a fat check.

There's a lot more to this story, of course, most of it pointing to the school's blatant double standard for gay teachers. But what really caught my attention was how much homophobes use the excuse of protecting the family and children to justify behavior that is actually harmful to families and children. At the moment Mitch was fired, all he could think about was his daughter, Devynn, who was two days away from starting 9th grade at Charter Oak: "I just needed to get out of there and get to my daughter." He considered only the repercussions this could have on her and was prepared to walk away from the whole thing and send her to a new school. But Devynn insisted that they both stay and fight. She stands by her choice today, as their fight has become publicized, and even after she endured bullying from some kids - though not the girls' water polo team, who have been totally supportive, she says.

Mitch is standing up for the kids, as he has always done, and Mitch, Hugo, Devynn and Tuolomne all demonstrate that equality and respect are core family values. Meanwhile, Charter Oak is teaching that hypocrisy and fear are OK, and that parents can get their way through bullying too. So who's looking out for the kids again? (For more on Mitch check out "Bring Back Coach Stein" on Facebook.)

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In addition to 12 spectacular productions and many exciting special events, YLT will be hosting a series of alumni receptions designed to honor and welcome back the extraordinary people who have been involved at YLT. The receptions are free and open to the public, following specially designated performances.

YLT's Mainstage Series will include the regional premiere of Avenue Q, the smash hit Broadway musical by Robert Lopez, Jeff Marx and Jeff Witty. Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book Avenue Q is a "Sesame Street" parody for grown-ups with both human and puppet characters. It is a laugh-out-loud coming-of-age parable and addresses and satirizes the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood. Performances run November 9 – 18, 2012 and are sponsored by Rodd Robertson and Richard Nath. There will be a special reception honoring everyone involved at YLT in the 2000s following the November 11 performance and everyone is welcome.

The Studio Series of shows opens with Broadway's longest running comedy-thriller, Deathtrap, by Ira Levin. Two writers play a convoluted game of cat and mouse over a manuscript and the result is an ingenious comedy murder mystery thriller filled with deceit, plot twists and hidden meanings. Deathtrap runs January 11 – 20, 2013, and is sponsored by Keller Brown Insurance. There will be a special reception honoring all former YLT Board and Staff following the January 13 performance and everyone is welcome.

The 2012-13 Season ends with the Studio Series production, The Great American Trailer Park Musical, a rowdy, raucous new musical which has been described as "South Park meets Desperate Housewives." Trailer Park is a comedy musical fable about women of the double-wides and their imperfect men and features music set to country rock, gospel, blues and disco. Performances run August 9 – 18, 2013.

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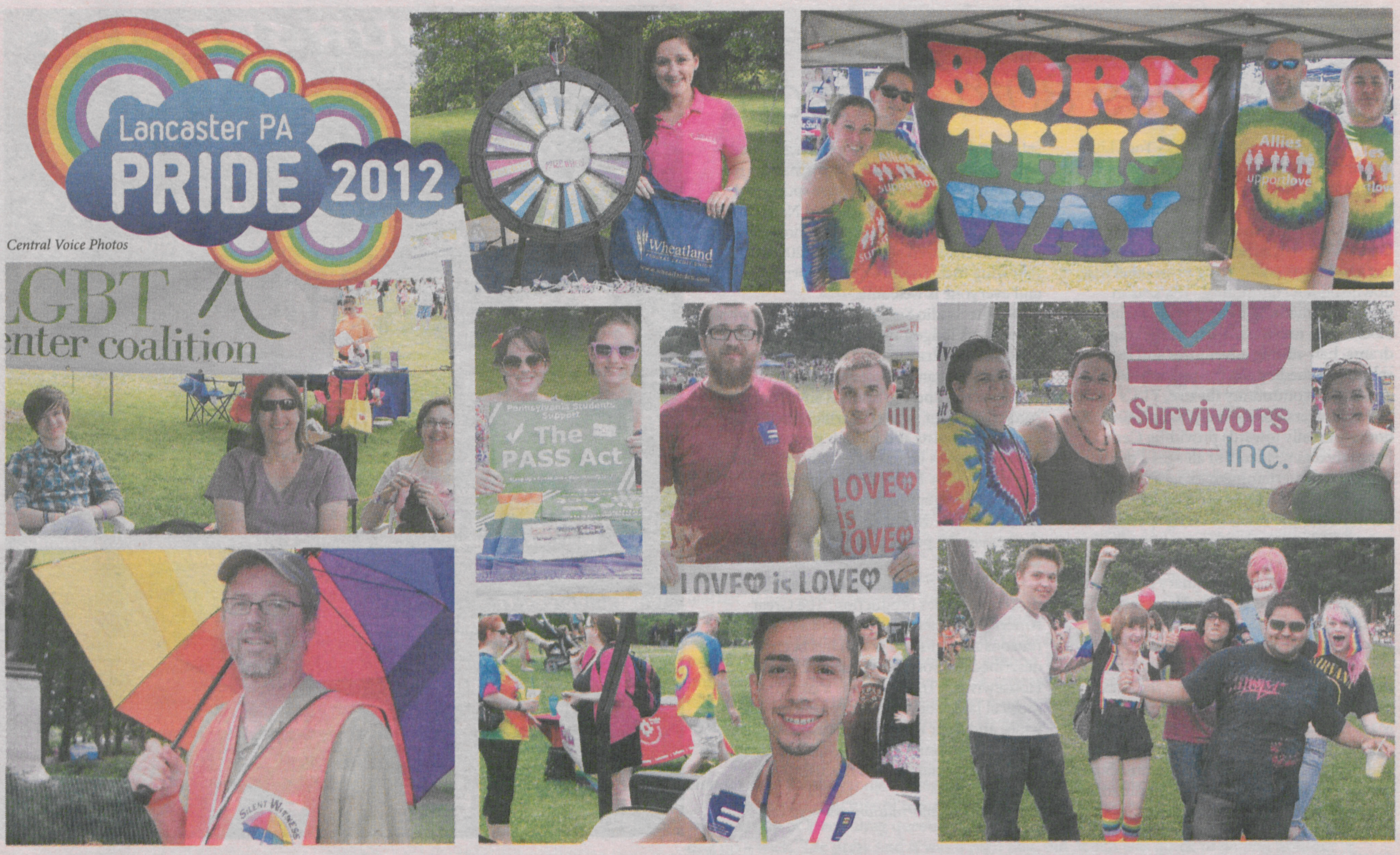

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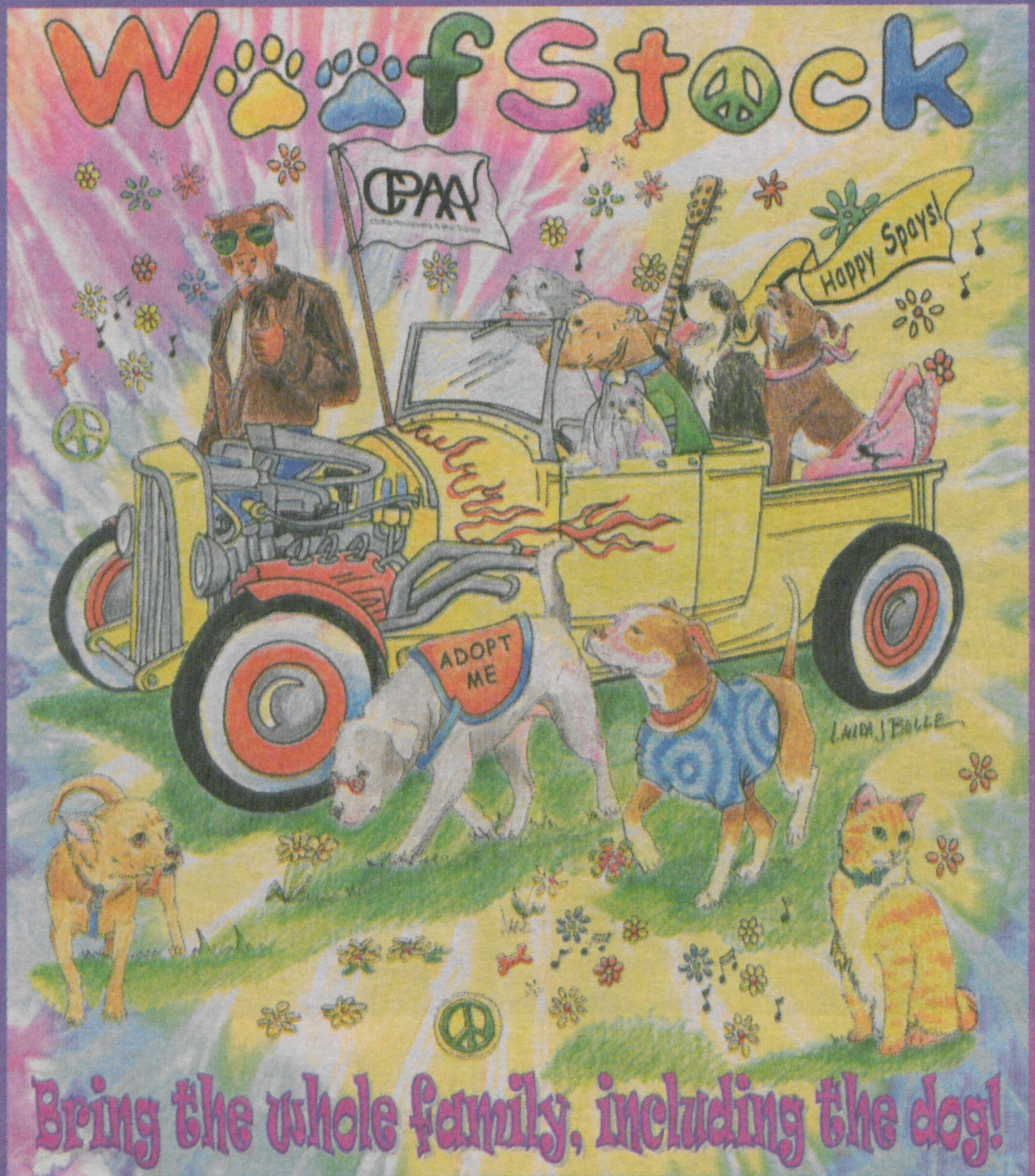

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Summer in Seattle

This city sculpted by Puget Sound and Lake Washington and crowned with leafy hills abounds with lively diversions, both indoor and outside. Plus a sunny and mild climate from June through well into October, makes it one of the country's most enchanting summer destinations. It's actually a cool getaway with year-round popularity (yes, even during the grayer, wetter winter months,) with superb restaurants, offbeat shops, and a mix of accommodations for all budgets. Downtown - with its dashing, postmodern skyline - contains a mix of enticing museums, historic blocks, and trendy retail-entertainment strips.

Seattle's skyline, with Mt. Rainier in the background.
Photo by Andrew Collins

OUT OF TOWN

by Andrew Collins

The city's many visiting gays and lesbians are often drawn to Seattle's LGBT hub, Capitol Hill. Students, dot-comers, latter-day hippies, and young families of all persuasions live in this lofty neighborhood, a 20-minute walk or short cab ride east of downtown. Cutting-edge music, liberal politics, coffeehouses and microbreweries, computer technology, and environmentalism are among the ties that bind Capitol Hill's disparate populations.

The best way to enjoy Seattle is to set aside a few hours each day, and focus on a particular neighborhood and its corresponding draws. Start by touring downtown, with its landmark Pike Place Market, a sprawling 1907 structure abuzz with fishmongers and food marketers of every ilk. If you love to eat or cook, the halls of gourmet goodies are reason alone to while away an afternoon here. You'll also find scads of genuinely interesting shops, such as art galleries, bath and beauty shops, clothiers, jewelry and crafts makers, and indie booksellers. Other appealing attractions downtown include the Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center and the Seattle Aquarium, which are down along Puget Sound's salt-aired piers, and the acclaimed Seattle Art Museum.

North of downtown you'll find the loft-style galleries, restaurants, and music clubs of Belltown, and beyond that, the 600-foot Space Needle, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012, and ranks among the nation's most distinctive buildings - you can take an elevator to the top for breathtaking views of the skyline, Puget Sound, and the surrounding Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges.

The Capitol Hill neighborhood has few formal attractions, but several commercial pockets are excellent for shopping, club hopping, distinctive dining, and people-watching. Pine and Pike streets hold many gay bars, plus some live-music halls and coffeehouses, and Broadway Avenue bustles with a youthful mix of straight and gay-popular businesses. Set aside some time to explore verdant Volunteer Park, home to an exotic-plant-filled conservatory, a 75-foot water tower affording panoramic city views, and the outstanding Seattle Asian Art Museum.

Make a point of checking out some of the city's enchanting off-the-beaten-path neighborhoods, such as Madison Park, with its gay-popular beach along Lake Washington as well as the University of Washington Arboretum; the University of Washington-dominated U District; Fremont, a former hippie haven that's now home to a mix of creative spirits and young professionals; and Ballard, whose roots as a Scandinavian fishing community are still very much evident (it's a great neighborhood for seafood dining). This latter area has become one of the top Seattle neighborhoods outside downtown for edgy dining and diverting indie retail.

One theme that unites virtually all of the city's most intriguing districts is delicious food - Seattleites take eating seriously, and restaurants here strive to feature local - often farm-to-table - produce, cheeses, seafood, meats, wines, and jams and honeys. Two of the nation's most celebrated openly lesbian chefs, Christine Keff and Tamara Murphy, are based here. In South Lake Union, Keff dazzles foodies with her fresh, artful creations in Flying Fish, a festive and contemporary seafood joint serving such knockout fare as spearfish with maple-sherry glaze and sautéed kale. Murphy runs Lower Capitol Hill's much-heralded Terra Plata, which opened in late 2011 and is a fine place to sample creative, beautifully prepared market-driven dishes like sea scallops with smoked tomato vinaigrette, and roast pig with chorizo, clams, and smoked paprika.

Another of the city's highly regarded chefs is Tom Douglas, who runs a powerful mini-empire comprising several acclaimed eateries, from diminutive Dahlia Bakery - which is perfect for artisan breads, divine sandwiches, and tempting tarts - to the more substantial Lola, whose updated Mediterranean fare (such as braised young-goat tagine with artichokes and fava beans) dazzles gourmands.

Capitol Hill has several notable restaurant faves, among them openly gay rising-star chef Jason Stratton's Cascina Spinasse, a stellar neighborhood trattoria serving boldly flavorful Piemontese cuisine; welcoming Poco Wine Room is scoring high marks for its terrific wine list and well-conceived American cooking; and the gastropub Quinn's, which can be counted on for tasty, modern takes on stick-to-your-ribs classics, like crispy-skin half chicken served with a toasted brioche, wild mushrooms, spinach, and chicken-liver mousse. Grill on Broadway has for years been a gay tradition for brunch, afternoon cocktails, and late-night dining on eclectic American cuisine. Just down the hill in Madison Valley, stylish Cafe Flora virtually redefines vegetarian food with its complex, sophisticated cooking.

Most of the city's gay nightspots are in lively Capitol Hill, including the ultra-popular and brand-new (in May 2012) Social nightclub, a swanky gay dance club that adjoins a stylish restaurant and lounge called Evo. Longtime mainstays of the gay scene include R Place, great for dancing and drag shows; the cruise-y Cuff Complex, which draws a masculine, bear-ish bunch; the leather-themed Seattle Eagle; and Neighbours, a favorite dance club. Lesbians favor the Wildrose Tavern, a spacious bar with DJs and dancing that's been going strong since the mid-'80s.

A quirky, retro-glam hole in the wall, Pony plays fun music and attracts a diverse bunch, from gay hipsters to students to older dudes who appreciate the throwback-to-the-'70s gay-bar aesthetic. CC Attle's, which moved to a handsome new space in 2011, is a friendly spot drawing an eclectic, mostly 35-and-older crowd, and cozy and fun Diesel is Seattle's newest bear bar. The stylish, mod Lobby Bar is a top happy-hour pick with a kitchen turning out tasty victuals, as is trendy and new-ish Saint John's Bar, which serves drinks all evening and dinner late, plus an excellent brunch.

Accommodations in Seattle include a high number of spirited, avant-garde boutique hotels. Among these, consider the playful, art-themed Hotel Max (hotelmaxseattle.com), a snazzy yet moderately priced hotel whose public areas and guest rooms feature the artwork of more than three dozen provocative Pacific Northwest artists. On the ground floor, the Max's restaurant, Red Fin, can be counted on for expertly prepared sushi and tasty Pan-Asian cuisine. The intimate Hotel 1000 (hotel1000seattle.com), with its verdant rooftop garden and minimalist, high-tech rooms done in tranquil, muted hues, has quickly is a magnet among travelers.

Just a 10-minute walk from the gay-bar scene on Capitol Hill, the discreetly elegant Hotel Sorrento (hotelsorrento.com) is one of the Northwest's grande dames. The ornately decorated Italianate Revival building contains 76 rooms, each with a different layout and décor, the live music, readings, and similarly arts-minded events are staged regularly in the classic wood-paneled lobby. In up-and-coming South Lake Union, a short walk from the Space Needle, the stunningly designed Pan Pacific Seattle (panpacific.com) has spacious rooms with tall windows, HD Plasma TVs, and deep soaking tubs; it's in a modern complex with a Whole Foods, the super Seastar Restaurant and Raw Bar, and the full-service Vida Spa.

Many of the city's gay visitors regularly stay at one of the three properties downtown run by the hip and GLBT-support Kimpton brand, including the whimsically decorated Hotel Monaco (monaco-seattle.com), the plush Alexis Hotel (alexishotel.com), and the wine-themed Hotel Vintage Park (hotelvintagepark.com). The Hyatt Olive 8 (olive8.hyatt.com), a soaring eco-friendly tower at the base of Capitol Hill, has alluringly modern rooms and beautiful fitness center, 65-foot saline pool, and spa. A more affordable but quite hip option is the Ace Hotel (acehotel.com/seattle), a fun and frugal, Euro-inspired lodging with futuristic-looking rooms - it's one of the best, and gay-friendliest, bargains in the Pacific Northwest.

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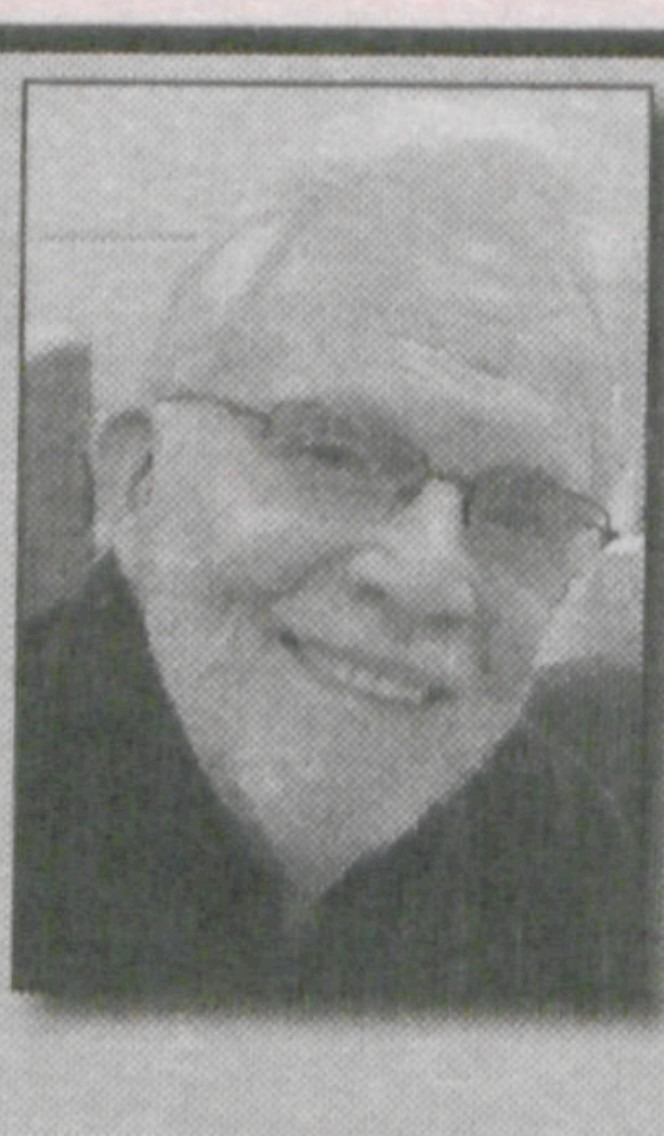
Ally in the Academy

By Trum Simmons



I'm already weary of all the presidential election coverage, as I know many of you are. It is hard to escape no matter how hard we try. It permeates the atmosphere and hits you in the face when you least expect it.

Much of the coverage is not worth taking the time to follow, with the campaign ads being particularly annoying. But the 2012 election is important, and a thoughtful voter needs to pay attention to the carryings on for many reasons.

I have voted in each presidential election since 1968, and I've had all kinds of reasons for why I voted as I did. Also through the years I've always wondered if my vote really mattered, and with good reason.

Many people say they don't vote because there's no reason to. They have a point, don't they? Perhaps they point to broken political system. Maybe they're tired of watching campaign promises disappear into the ether once the candidate is elected.

Some say that big money controls elections, so why bother getting involved when you are simply one of the masses. This year the SuperPACs especially give people a reason not to go to the polls. Big donors are giving record amounts to these entities, which are mounting unprecedented ad campaigns.

And as we know, large numbers of Americans are influenced by the ads; it's too bad that they are, but there it is.

I said earlier that I've voted ever since 1968. Well, I wanted to vote in 1964 but I was ineligible, because I was only 20 years old. Yes, it's true. Hard to believe that a 20-year-old college student back in the day was not allowed to vote.

That year I wanted to vote for Lyndon Johnson in the worst way. First of all, I was scared to death of Barry Goldwater. He was itching to go into North and South Vietnam and wreak havoc on Ho Chi Minh, and I was appalled by Goldwater's extreme rhetoric. And LBJ had promised that he would not send American boys to fight a war that Vietnamese boys should be fighting. Why wouldn't a young male college student pick the Democratic candidate?

Well, you know what happened. Johnson won the election, I was much relieved, and the next thing I knew, LBJ was sending American boys to fight in Vietnam. Yes, I know a lot about campaign promises and how they work.

I'm voting for Barack Obama in November, and I hope you do too. Let me tell you why.

Yes, I've been disappointed in much of his presidency, and yes, he hasn't kept several of those campaign promises that I had looked forward to. He hasn't always appeared to be on top of things, especially in his struggles with the Congress, and he's taken his time in getting to issues I strongly support--same-sex marriage being a big one.

Then there's the problem of those drones and his targeted killing of various terrorists, including innocent people in those strikes. This issue bothers me a whole lot, along with his support of widening the government's ability to spy on American citizens like you and me.

If you are disappointed in Barack Obama's first term, I understand completely.

So why support him? Because he has done so many good things for our country, and because he has learned a lot in his first term. Also, consider the alternative: do you really want Mitt Romney to be your president? Do you think he's the kind of leader you want to follow?

I think it all comes down to your world view, and Obama's world view is a lot like mine. I believe he really cares about social justice and that he wants to improve the status of all minorities in our country. In other words, he truly believes in equality and the American ideal of loving your brother and sister, regardless of their social standing or ethnic background.

It's hard to write about these things without getting into clichés. It's hard to write about these things, period, because they are so damned important. And yes, I believe your vote and mine is important, too.

Does it matter? Of course it does. This is our political system, like it or not: It's how things get done—or not done, as is so often the case. Yet I believe our vote is important, and I also agree with Thoreau, who observed that simply voting is not enough. It's what we do throughout the rest of the year that really matters.

Going to the polls is important, if for no other reason than that there are American citizens today whose voting rights are in jeopardy. Some folks apparently want to restrict the rights of others in several states, including ours.

If your voting rights are secure, then for God's sake, use them on November 6.

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Chamber on the move

By Bill Krenz

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The CPGLCC has a great opportunity to promote and grow your business. Become LGBTe certified. Certification is an important marketing tool that can serve as a critical point of differentiation between your business and your competitors. Chamber members have the initial "application" fee and renewals are waived as a benefit of membership.

Chamber members with LGBTe certification include: Clark McKibben Safety Products, MyCommunityTickets, Re/Max A-1 Realty Professionals, Sunworks Etc, and Trophy House. Contact Deb McClain, Chamber President/CEO, if interested in this opportunity (dmcclain@cpglcc.org).

The NGLCC (National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce) Supplier Diversity Initiative (SDI) offers businesses a tool to make connections and open doors with America's top corporations and each other. The SDI certifies Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and/or Transgender owned Business Enterprises (LGBTBe's) and works to provide opportunities for LGBTBe's to gain exposure within corporate procurement processes.

The NGLCC SDI offers certification to LGBTBe's, as well as a host of opportunities to enhance your business' visibility to corporations seeking to do business with lgbt suppliers. Corporations can search for certified businesses through their exclusive lgbt supplier database, as well as meet face-to-face with potential suppliers at NGLCC SDI matchmaking events, which are held across the country throughout the year.

Certified LGBTBe's may also be eligible for scholarship programs, mentorship and leadership training, and other business development tools to help your business grow.

Past events

The chamber executed its first ever business ribbon cutting event at the grand opening location of the LGBT Community Center of Central Pennsylvania mixer event on July 17 at its new location on North 3rd Street in Harrisburg.

The Chamber's August mixer was held at Ruhsam Building & Design's award winning home in Wellsville, PA. The event was co-hosted with Sunworks LLC, who had a great display of their products and planters. Both companies highlighted and displayed their creative solutions which have made their companies successful.

The chamber also supported the Harrisburg Pride event on July 28.

Upcoming events

The September 20 Mixer will be held at Charter Homes & Neighborhood's model community in Mechanicsburg, which has been a recent draw for new gay and lesbian home owners in Cumberland County.

The October 11 Mixer will be held The Hershey Lodge, and is hosted by Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, one of the chamber's early corporate sponsors.

Education

Deborah Gable continues to lead the Education and Programs Committee in the planning of a panel of speakers to meet with our regional youth programs. This is a wonderful opportunity to share life experiences with high school and college aged youth who are involved in Common Roads, a program of the LGBT Community Center and The Curve, a program of Planned Parenthood of Central PA.

Board member and youth program panelist Brenda Dersham said,"I was nervous at first because I don't really work with youth and I wasn't sure what to expect. It was great, because I had an opportunity to see the programs that are serving lgbt youth in our region. I learned that you just never do know what to expect. The young people just ask lots of questions about whatever is on their mind!"

Chamber members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and who are interested in volunteering for the panel can contact Gable at dgable@cpglcc.org<mailto:dgable@cpglcc.org> for more information and meeting dates.

The Education and Programs Committee is planning workshops on social media, business development, and non-profit organizational development.

Watch for information about a presentation by Martin Brill and Ernie Post with the Small Business Development Center on successfully launching and sustaining business. The workshop will be presented in partnership with the Best Western Premier the Central Hotel and Conference Center at our November 15 mixer.

Remember: Please register for events at the www.cpglcc.org or to host an event for the few remaining dates in 2012 or for 2013 - contact Seth Hamill at shamill@cpglcc.org.

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> “Like being a woman, like being a racial religious tribal or ethnic minority, being LGBT does not make you less human. And that is why gay rights are Human Rights and Human Rights are gay rights.”
>
> ***Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in a speech to the United Nations***

CREEP OF THE WEEK:

Lou Engle

By D'Anne Witkowski

The zombie apocalypse is coming. Or, more specifically, the ex-gay zombie apocalypse. In Lou Engle's dreams at least. Literally.

Speaking recently to a group of teen and young adult anti-gay Christians, Engle, founder of TheCall, a ministry for young people, shared his fever-dream/psychotic fantasy. I should mention that Engle has the perfect voice to be a World Wrestling Entertainment's Smack Down announcer, which makes his anti-gay rants sound all the more over the top.

"[Bob Jones] had a vision in 1989 of a fist wave of homosexuals coming to Christ. 100,000 would be just the first wave, and it would come suddenly. I dreamed of this before," he told the enthusiastic audience.

Of all the issues facing young people in this country, "fixing" gay people is really priority #1?

Now, we all know who Bob Jones is, right? Of Bob Jones University fame? Where you can basically get a diploma in gay bashing?

So to be clear, Jones had a vision and then Engle had a dream of this vision. Far out, man.

In this vision/dream/fantasy, Engle sees this army of gays and lesbians, converted by God to be "normal," like, you know, him, and that these people would "begin to be the preachers of righteousness in their own communities with radical salvations and healings of AIDS."

The young audience likes this idea very much. They cheer. Because we all know how much conservatives love outsourcing.

Engle continues, "This is the issue of your day. You know it. Something goes off in your heart when you touch this one. Because this is the heart of God."

Really? Of all the issues facing young people in this country, "fixing" gay people is really priority #1? I mean, if you ask yourself "What would Jesus do," I don't think Jesus would be all, "Screw the poor, let's straighten out some queers."

"Would you raise your voices and begin to pray?" Engle urges, "God give us 100,000 gay and lesbian men and women to be radically transformed! Begin to pray it in your youth groups. Begin to pray it in your schools, pray it in your devotions. We're asking God! Loose a movement - a divine breakthrough! 100,000 gay and lesbian men and women! Loose a sound that D.C. can't contend with! Loose a sound that the media can't contend with! Overflow the media with the sound of revival."

Unfortunately, I don't think Engle has thought this one through. It's a very impractical plan. First of all, there's the whole ex-gay thing and how that doesn't actually work. Even the "ex-gay" group Exodus International disavows the concept saying, basically, that you can't scrub or pray the gay away, but you can be celibate. Which is not the same thing. Hence the zombie reference.

And if all it took was a bunch of anti-gay Christians to pray their hardest to make homos un-homo, then this bastion of "cured" zombies would already be roaming the streets curing AIDS and stuff.

The crowd listening to Engle's message is a big one, and enthusiastic to boot. They literally rock back and forth, trembling with enthusiasm. It's, well, kind of weird. As a commenter on YouTube put it, "Why are the people in the audience and background bobbing and weaving like that, do they all have some kind of inner ear problems? I would think that they'd want to heal their balance issues before rushing off and trying to tackle AIDS.

In other words, glass houses? Stones, anyone?

Military Men Twice as Likely Transgender than Civilians

A new report indicates U.S. service members born biologically male are twice as likely as civilians to identify as female.

Following up on his original 1988 study of some five million troops, psychologist George Brown noted a striking similarity in the clinical histories of what he terms "gender dysphorics" in the Armed Forces: They enlisted "to become real men."

It's not clear, though, how many of those men eventually transition into a female identity or simply feel different than the gender they were assigned at birth. The Department of Defense's ban on trans men and women, "based upon medical standards for military service," makes getting the complete picture difficult. There's also no data on the number of biological women who identify as male.

Brown, who will present his complete findings at a conference this fall, is on the board of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), which publishes the American Psychological Association's standards for gender-identity disorder.

Among his assertions is that transgender-inclined soldiers often volunteer for the most dangerous missions: "Warrior identity and military masculinity are so revered in this society that people will do whatever it takes, including dying, for

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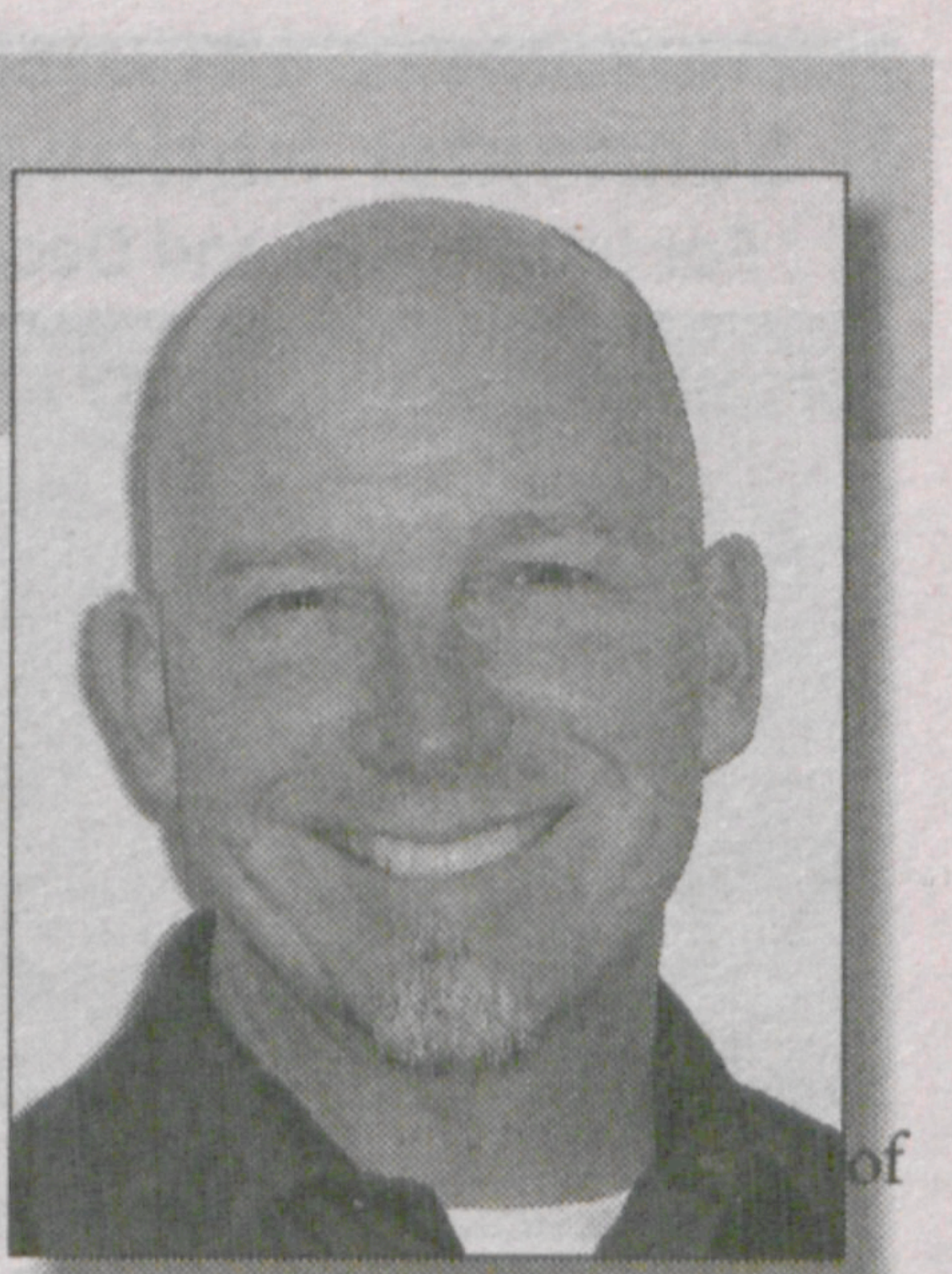
making sense of life

By Dr. Terry Drew Karanen



So You Want to Be Right!

When I was a much younger man I really hated being wrong. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not a fan of being wrong today either, but when I'm wrong now it doesn't carry with it the sting it did years ago.

Why do we have to be right? Because it means that someone else – usually the person with whom we're arguing – is wrong. Wrong. Wrong. Wrong. We like being right. Or, rather, our ego likes being right and hates being wrong.

Our ego is a terrific little invention of our mind. The ego keeps up from getting in trouble in many situations because it can look at the facts, analyze the situation and come up with a decision about what our course should be. The problem is that all decisions in our life cannot be solely based on the facts. In social work we use both quantitative (concrete facts or statistical) data and qualitative (emotional or personal experience) data before achieving a hypothesis.

The emotional side of our lives has just as much impact on our decisions as the facts. But the ego takes the facts, and if it doesn't get its way, pouts or throws a fit. Which, when we look at it that way, means our logical ego is having an emotional hissy fit.

That gets us into trouble in most areas of our life. Men are particularly vulnerable in the area of health. We often refuse to face the facts reminded to us by our partners or spouses about something that "just isn't right" with regard to our physical condition. We, or rather our testosterone-fueled, male ego and society's expectation of what it means to be a man, feel we should be able to handle the situation without anyone else's input.

Our house has central air conditioning. I haven't got a clue how the compressor works or what to do if it goes wrong. I know I don't know what I'm doing so why would I risk screwing up the system by thinking I "should" know how just because I'm a guy? I call the HVAC guy we use.

Yet men in general are notorious for not seeking medical or mental health help from trained professionals when those parts of their lives are not running well. Healthcare costs aside, we often feel we need to be in control, so we do nothing. Instead, we could admit that the person who is coming to us with their concern about our health just might have a valid point and could even be the catalyst to saving our life.

We can soothe the ego by reminding ourselves that no one is forcing us to go to the doctor – we are making that choice. As with all things in life, we have choice. We may not like the options in front of us, but we have choice. But while we have freedom of choice, we do not enjoy freedom from consequences.

Which brings me to another area of our life: relationships. It is so hard sometimes to admit to our partners or spouses that we are wrong about something. Worse yet is being right, but not being able to get the other person to see that! This is where I ask my clients, "Do you want to be right? Or, do you want to be happy?"

They inevitably say, "BOTH," but that is often not possible. We can get to be so "right" about some issue that we will end up enjoying our success alone since the other person leaves. Or, we can get to be happy, in which case our egos become unglued because we aren't pressing for vindication of our idea.

It comes back to balance. There may be issues in your life for which you feel you must have a certain way. Let's say that issue is recycling, which probably doesn't seem like a relationship issue. The difficulty can occur when others are not as consciously aware of how much s/he is wasting by tossing in the garbage something that can be recycled. If this is someone who has heard your "recycling speech" over and over you have a choice: Know that the person is responsible for their own contribution to waste, not you, and let it go. Or, you can pull the bottle out of the trash can, take it home and recycle it.

"But I shouldn't have to pick up after others!" Then don't. But in this example, choose one or the other, be happy with your decision and move on. This works in all areas of our life. We can choose to be miserable about what others are doing (and be right). Or, we can recognize that everyone has freedom of choice, let others live their lives as they choose, and be happy in our own choices (be happy).

I hear cries of, "But what about…" or "I can't just …" And you know what? We make our lives what we choose. Can't usually means won't, and won't is all about our ego. As Mike Dooley says, "Thoughts create – choose the good ones."

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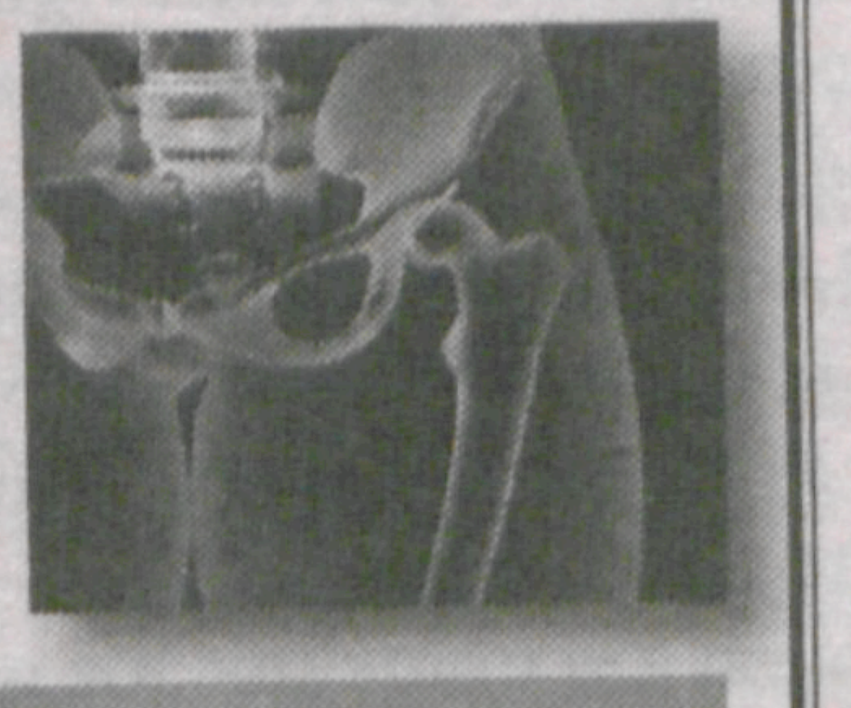

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Other countries that allow transgender men and women to enlist include Israel, Spain, Thailand and Canada, which lifted its ban on gender and sexual minorities in one fell swoop in 1992. "It was at the time and it continues to be a complete non-issue," retired Canadian Navy captain Alan Okros said.

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